

Sojourner Truth

Three differentiated reading passages for Sojourner Truth, each with a unique border and reading level indicator (H/I, J/K, L/M).

Passage 1 (H/I 400-500):

Name: _____ Date: _____

Sojourner Truth was born in 1797. Her name was Isabella Baumfree. Her parents were James and Elizabeth Baumfree. She had many brothers and sisters. Sojourner was a slave. Her owner died. She was sold many times. Her owners were cruel. She was later sold to John Dumont.

Sojourner fell in love with a slave named Robert. They were not allowed to be together. Sojourner married a slave named Thomas. She had five children.

New York made laws to end slavery. John Dumont promised to free Sojourner. Dumont did not free her. In 1826, Sojourner escaped. She escaped with her baby, Sophia. She left her other children behind.

Sojourner lived with Isaac and Maria Van Wagenen. Dumont illegally sold Sojourner's son. The Van Wagenens cared for Sojourner.

Passage 2 (J/K 600-700):

Name: _____ Date: _____

Sojourner Truth was born Isabella Baumfree.

Passage 3 (L/M 800-900):

Name: _____ Date: _____

Sojourner Truth was born Isabella Baumfree.

Illustrations:

- A portrait of Sojourner Truth in an oval frame.
- A photograph of the house where Sojourner was born into slavery in 1797.

Character Illustration: A cartoon illustration of Sojourner Truth wearing a white bonnet and glasses, with her arms crossed.

Activity Sheet:

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Sojourner Truth

differentiated passages & activities

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3. Comprehension Questions
4. Key Events Foldable
5. Writing Prompts with Toppers



WHAT IS INCLUDED?

Passage on 3 Levels

Prereading

Read this quote from Sojourner Truth. Write what you believe this quote means. After reading about Sojourner's life, add to your response by stating how Sojourner applied this philosophy to her own life.

"If women want any rights more than they's got, why don't they just take them, and not be talking about it."

Prereading Activity

Foldable

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Sojourner Truth

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Sojourner Truth was born in 1775. Her name was Isabella Baumfree. Her parents were James and Elizabeth Baumfree. She had many brothers and sisters. Sojourner was a slave. Her owner died. She was sold many times. Her owners were cruel. She was later sold to John Dumont.



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Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color indicated. If there is not a color next to the question, you will need to infer the answer. You should still look for text evidence to help you infer.

1. What is the main idea of this passage?
 - a. Sojourner Truth was a slave.
 - b. Sojourner Truth died on November 26, 1883.
 - c. Sojourner Truth stood up for women's rights.
 - d. Sojourner Truth was an important figure who stood up for equality.
2. What happened after Sojourner escaped slavery?
 - a. Sojourner's owner died.
 - b. Slavery became illegal in New York.
 - c. Sojourner fell in love and got married.
 - d. Sojourner fought to get her son back.
3. The text states Sojourner "stood for religious tolerance." What is the meaning of tolerance?
 - a. Praying
 - b. Studying
 - c. Acceptance
 - d. Intolerance
4. Which of the following events are Sojourner remembered for today? (Choose all that apply)
 - a. She was a slave.
 - b. She worked as a housekeeper.
 - c. She gave a speech on women's rights.
 - d. She was the first black woman to win a court case against a white man.
5. How was the time period Sojourner Truth lived in important to the impact she had?

Text-Dependent Questions

Writing Craftivity

Sojourner Truth

Summarize how Sojourner Truth was a civil rights leader. Explain why it is important to learn about her.

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Isabella Baumfree

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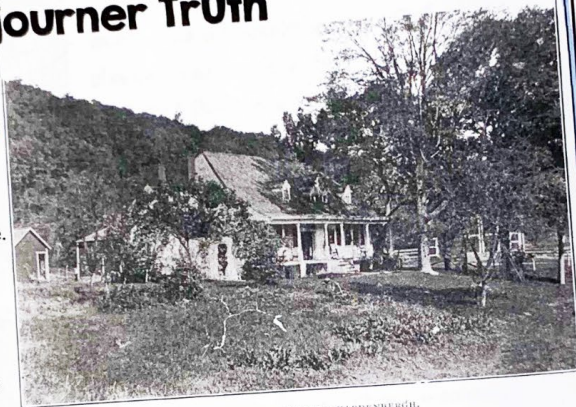
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Sojourner Truth

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HOUSE OF COL. JOHANNES HARTENBERGH

The house Sojourner was born into slavery in.

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Sojourner lived with Isaac and Maria Van Wagenen. Dumont illegally sold Sojourner's son. The Van Wagenens helped Sojourner take the case to court. Sojourner won the case. She got her son back. She was the first black woman to win a court case against a white man.



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Sojourner fell in love with a slave named John. Sojourner married a slave named John.



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Sojourner Truth

Sojourner Truth was born in 1797. Her name was originally Isabella Baumfree. Her parents were James and Elizabeth Baumfree. She had many brothers and sisters. Sojourner and her family were slaves. When she was 9 years old, her owner died. She was sold many times. Her new owners were cruel. She was finally sold to John Dumont. Dumont was much kinder to Sojourner, but his wife treated her poorly.



HOUSE OF COL. JOHANNES HARDENBERGH.

The house Sojourner was born into slavery in.

In 1815, Sojourner fell in love with a slave named Robert. Robert's owner didn't allow them to see each other. Later, Sojourner married a slave named Thomas. She had five children.

New York began to make laws to abolish slavery. John Dumont promised to free Sojourner before the laws were passed. Dumont did not live up to his promise. Sojourner was upset. In 1826, Sojourner escaped with her baby Sophia. She left her other children behind.

Sojourner lived with Isaac and Maria Van Wagenen. Dumont illegally sold Sojourner's 5-year-old son Peter. The Van Wagenens helped Sojourner take the case to court. Sojourner won the case and got her son back. She was the first black woman to win a court case against a white man.



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Portrait of Sojourner in 1870

Sojourner Truth helped recruit black troops for the Union Army during the Civil War. In 1864, she met President Abraham Lincoln. Sojourner had the support of many influential people, including Amy Post, William Lloyd Garrison, and Susan B. Anthony.

Sojourner Truth died on November 26, 1883. She was buried in Battle Creek, Michigan. Her legacy lives on. Her image will appear on the back of the new \$10 bill to commemorate the anniversary of American women's right to vote.

During her time with the Van Wagenens, Sojourner became very religious. She worked as a housekeeper. In 1843, she changed her name to Sojourner Truth. She said that God had called her to travel and preach. She spoke about the abolition of slavery, women's rights, and religious tolerance. Sojourner published a book called *The Narrative of Sojourner Truth: A Northern Slave*. She also spoke at the National Women's Rights Convention in Massachusetts.

In May 1851, Sojourner Truth spoke at the Ohio Women's Rights Convention. She gave a famous speech on women's rights. Sojourner spoke for equal rights for women and black people. Her presence made an impact on the audience. Sojourner delivered many more speeches.



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