

# Sojourner Truth



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# Who Is Sojourner Truth

Sojourner Truth was born in Ulster County, New York in 1797 with the name her owner gave her, Isabella Baumfree. At age 9 she was sold to John Neely for \$100 with a flock of sheep. Neely was a cruel and violent owner who beat Sojourner Truth regularly. Later Dumont, her 4th owner, promised Isabella he'd grant her freedom on July 4, 1826, "if she would do well and be faithful." When the date arrived, however, he had a change of heart and refused to let her go. She escaped his clutches as fast as her six-foot-tall body could walk away, infant daughter in tow. She later said, "I did not run off, for I thought that wicked, but I walked off, believing that to be alright."

# What Is Sojourner Truth Known For

Sojourner Truth was known for being an abolitionist, an abolitionist is a person who tries to get rid of slavery. Sojourner Truth was also a women's rights activist, and her name means journey of truth. She also was known for escaping slavery for her freedom. Sojourner Truth helped others in need and cared for all.

# Why Sojourner Truth should be the name

We should have Sojourner Truth as the name of our school because she was a very important person. She was a slave before, and had enough courage to escape slavery. She was 29 when she escaped. Shortly after escaping, she changes her name to Sojourner Truth (Journey of Truth); that was because she didn't want to be associated with her owner. Later, she became an abolitionist and a women's rights activist. Sojourner Truth follows the school motto (work hard, be kind and help others). She works hard by being a women's rights activist, She was kind by supporting religious tolerance. She helped others by giving a speech called "Ain't I a Woman" May 29, 1851 and demanded equal human rights for all women and African-Americans.

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