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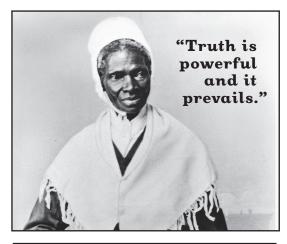
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Answer Key

Reading a Timeline: Sojourner Truth

Read the timeline about Sojourner Truth.

e. 1797 —	Sojourner Truth is born into slavery with the name Isabella Baumfree.
1815 —	—— She marries Thomas, a man also born into slavery.
1815 -1826	She has five children: Diana, Thomas, Peter, Elizabeth, and Sophia.
1826 —	She and her daughter Sophia escape to freedom.
1826 —	She finds out that her son, Peter, was illegally sold to another slaveholder. She stands up to the slaveholder in court and wins her son back, becoming one of the first African American women to win a case against a white man.
1829 —	—— She moves to New York City and takes a job as a housekeeper to earn money for her family
1843 —	She changes her name to Sojourner Truth.
1844 —	Sojourner gives her first speech agasint slavery.
1850 —	—— Her biography, The Narrative of Sojourner Truth: A Northern Slave, is published.
1851	She delivers her most famous speech, "Ain't I a Woman?", at the Ohio Women's Rights Convention.
1851 -1853	She tours Ohio giving talks on equal rights for African Americans and women.
1860s —	Sojourner helps recruit African American men to fight for the Union during the Civil War.



Questions

Answer the following questions using the timeline.

1. In what year did Sojourner Truth escape from slavery?

She escaped in 1826.

2. What happened in 1850?

Her biography, The Narrative

of Sojourner Truth: A Northern

Slave, was published

3. Why do you think Sojourner Truth wanted rights for women as well as an end to slavery?

POSSIBLE ANSWER:

She wanted all people to be

treated equally and to be free.

4. Why is Sojourner Truth an important historical figure? Name three reasons.

Answers will	vary.