

Sojourner Truth's Diary

General Directions: Your group will create four diary entries as described below. Use the information that you have gathered to create detailed, historical accurate and interesting entries. Each entry should be at least one page in length and be free of grammatical and spelling errors. Since this is a diary, write from a first person point of view. Creativity can be used to enhance the diary; however, always be sure to be accurate to the time period.

Entry One: 1826, Day of Freedom

Today is the day that Sojourner Truth became a free woman. Since this is the first entry, you will want to give the reader some background information on her life up to this point. Describe her life as a slave and what circumstances resulted in her freedom. Be sure to mention any family members, her participation in religious groups and other important information. Since diaries are personal, your entry should contain personal thoughts, feelings and reactions to her situations and the problems she thinks she will face.

Entry Two: 1854, Ohio Women's Rights Convention

Today is the day when Sojourner Truth gave one of her most dramatic speeches to the Ohio Women's Rights Convention. In this entry, discuss her possible reasons for giving this speech, her feelings about being an African American woman, and how she arrived at those famous words, "Ain't I a woman". You may also want to add background as to how she got to this point in her life of activism.

Entry Three: A Significant Day in her life between the years 1855-1879

You and your group will chose any major event in Sojourner Truth's life that occurred between these dates to discuss in this entry. Be sure to include the background of the event, her participation in it and how it personally affected her. You should also include any dilemma that the event caused her and/or opportunity that arose from it.

Entry Four: July 1883

Sojourner Truth is close to the end of her life. This final entry should reflect her feelings at this time in relationship to her life, her family, her participation in the Abolitionist and Women's Rights Movement and other areas of political and religious involvement. How does she view her accomplishments and how does she describe the role that she has played in the development of the United States?