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Who was one of the first female abolitionists?

Sojourner Truth was a famous African-American woman and activist. She struggled for the abolition of slavery.

Sojourner Truth was born in New York. Her real name was Isabella Baumfree. Her parents were from Ghana and were slaves. Their owners lived in New York. When she grew up, Sojourner Truth married and had five children. One day, she escaped with her daughter and found freedom. This was just a year before slavery was abolished in the state of New York.

Sojourner Truth fought for the abolition of slavery throughout the country. She traveled the country calling for the freedom of slaves. In 1850, she also joined the women's rights movement. In her speeches about slavery, she would describe the abuses suffered by blacks. In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln received her at the White House.

She spoke English and Dutch. When slavery was abolished, she was reunited with her other children.

Sojourner Truth spent her last years living in Michigan, where she bought a house and lived with her two daughters until her death in 1883.

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

1. Where was Sojourner Truth born?
 - a. New York
 - b. Idaho
 - c. Ghana
 - d. Virginia
2. How many children did Sojourner Truth have?
 - a. seven
 - b. eight
 - c. two
 - d. five
3. What languages did Sojourner Truth speak?
 - a. English and German
 - b. Dutch and German
 - c. English and Dutch
 - d. Spanish and Dutch
4. Sojourner Truth fought for _____.
 - a. the abolition of a dictatorship
 - b. the abolition of slavery
 - c. the legalization of slavery
 - d. the abolition of alcohol



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