

From Nana's Back Porch: Famous American Sojourner Truth

Hello, this is Nana from my back porch. Thank you for joining me today. You are all artists!

Hello, this is Nana. And welcome. We're going to be speaking about one of America's most iconic women. Now, I know that sometimes you might think that I use the word iconic a lot. And in fact, I think I do, because we are so fortunate in this country to have important and iconic men and women. And today I want to recognize Sojourner Truth.

Sojourner was born with a different name. Her name was Isabella Bomfree. She later changed her name because she believed that God had told her to travel and speak the truth about slavery. Sojourner had a tall masculine looking figure. She was almost six feet tall and she spoke in a deep, guttural, powerful voice that made people think she was a man and was masquerading as a woman.

She could neither read nor write, but she took her grandson with her on her lecturing tours to attend to her business affairs. She knew many prominent folks. Her favorite statesman was Abraham Lincoln. He listened to her and would think about what she had to say. Her narratives and inscriptions judge their characters well.

The object of her traveling was to fight for rights and to obtain names on a petition, which she intended to present to the government, actually to congress, asking that a portion of public lands be set aside for the establishment of a colony where Negro youth could be educated.

During the civil war, she recruited black soldiers to fight for the unit. Her fight to end slavery made her an important leader. Her stories and speeches helped people to realize how immoral slavery was and how it must be stopped. She became one of the first in a group of women inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame.

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Also, the Mars Rover built by NASA was named Sojourner in her honor. Just think, my artist friends, Sojourner roams the stars now. It really makes you think, when you believe in something with all your heart, you become iconic.

Thank you for being with me today. I hope you've enjoyed this little bit about Sojourner and I want you to remember that You ARE Artists.

Love, Nana.

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