

## INTERPRETING SOJOURNER TRUTH'S SPEECH

You've read "Ain't I a Woman" two times. First you read to get the gist and then you identified significant sentences or phrases that reveal Sojourner Truth's argument. Now consider how Sojourner Truth would have delivered her speech in Akron, Ohio in 1851.

Tomorrow, each person will deliver (or present) "Ain't I a Woman" to a small group of peers. Tonight, plan and practice delivering this speech.



Study the speech to determine how you will interpret it. Consider Sojourner Truth's argument, audience, and purpose, and then ask yourself:

- What emotions did she want to convey?
- How did she want her audience to respond?
- What words or phrases would she have emphasized?
- What intonation do you think her voice had?

There is no one right way to deliver this speech; however, think about why you are delivering it this way and be prepared to justify your interpretation using evidence from the text.