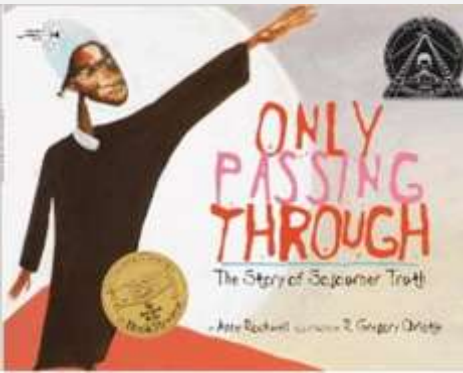














## Book Backdrops: Connecting Literature and Primary Sources

	<p><b>TITLE OF BOOK:</b> Only Passing Through: The story of Sojourner Truth</p> <p><b>AUTHOR:</b> Anne Rockwell</p> <p><b>GRADE LEVEL:</b> 4-7</p> <p><b>TOPIC/THEME:</b> This is the story of Sojourner Truth's life as a freed slave and a leader in the abolitionist movement. Sojourner Truth was ahead of her time. As an African American woman, she travelled around the United States preaching about the evils of slavery. Her life story is one of triumphs in the face of misery.</p>
<p><b>Primary Source Thumbnail</b></p>	<p><b>Library of Congress Bibliographic Information and Connections to Literature</b></p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Sojourner Truth, three-quarter length portrait, standing, wearing spectacles, shawl, and peaked cap, right hand resting on cane. CREATED/PUBLISHED [1864(?)]. Caption: I sell the shadow to support the substance. Sojourner Truth.</p> <p><b>URL:</b> <a href="http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/suffrg:@field(NUMBER+@band(cph+3c19343))">http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/suffrg:@field(NUMBER+@band(cph+3c19343))</a></p> <p><b>Connection:</b> Portrait of this tall, plain woman who was so strong and brave in her time.</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Slave pen, Alexandria, Va.</p> <p>Date Created/Published: [photographed between 1861 and 1865, printed later]. Summary: Interior view of a slave pen, showing the doors of cells where the slaves were held before being sold.</p> <p><b>URL:</b> <a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/98510275/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/98510275/</a></p> <p><b>Connection:</b> Isabella may have been held in a similar place before she was sold</p>



	<p><b>Title:</b> Slave auction at Richmond, Virginia ,Date Created/Published: 1856. Summary: African American woman being auctioned off in front of crowd of men. <b>URL:</b> <a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/98510266/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/98510266/</a> <b>Connection:</b> Depiction of slave sale, as when Isabella was sold in Kingston, NY.</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Receipt for sale of Jane, age 18, and her son, Henry, age 1 and all future children, December 20, 1849 <b>URL:</b> <a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/99615421/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/99615421/</a> <b>Comment:</b> Truth was sold a few times when she was a slave.</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> [Unidentified log dwelling, possibly for slaves or sharecroppers, with African American woman seated in doorway] Date Created/Published: [ca. 1890] <b>URL:</b> <a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2001697051/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2001697051/</a> <b>Connection:</b> like where Truth may have lived in as a slave</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Five generations on Smith's Plantation, Beaufort, South Carolina Creator(s): O'Sullivan, Timothy H., 1840-1882, photographer Date Created/Published: [1862, printed later] <b>URL:</b> <a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/98504449/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/98504449/</a> <b>Connection:</b> Like Isabella's family</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Emancipation / Th. Nast ; King &amp; Baird, printers, 607 Sansom Street, Philadelphia. Creator(s): King &amp; Baird, engraver. <b>URL:</b> <a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2004665360//">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2004665360//</a> <b>Connection:</b> Emancipation was one of the ideas that Truth was working for that she did live to see.</p>



<p>Text: Narrative of S. Truth</p>	<p><b>Title:</b> Narrative of Sojourner Truth; a bonds-woman of olden time, emancipated by the New York Legislature in the early part of the present century; with a history of her labors and correspondence drawn from her "Book of life." [Gilbert, Olive] CREATED/PUBLISHED Battle Creek, Mich., For the author, 1878  <b>URL:</b> <a href="http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/lhbumbib:@field(NUMBER%2B@band(lhbum%2B25244))">http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/lhbumbib:@field(NUMBER%2B@band(lhbum%2B25244))</a>  <b>Connection:</b> Complete life story of Sojourner Truth. Includes many stories from the book and many more.</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> The liberty bell back in its birth-place again now that it has proclaimed liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof, it is perfectly at home] ,Creator(s): Nast, Thomas, 1840-1902, artist 'Date Created/Published: 1885 June 27.  <b>URL:</b> <a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2009617075/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2009617075/</a>  <b>Connection:</b> Did Truth get her idea for her "Proclaim Liberty" banner from the drawing or did the artist get his idea from her?</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> A. Lincoln showing Sojourner Truth the Bible presented by colored people of Baltimore, Executive Mansion, Washington, D.C., Oct. 29, 1864. CREATED/PUBLISHED c1893.  <b>URL:</b> <a href="http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/presp:@field(NUMBER+@band(cp+h+3a18453))">http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/presp:@field(NUMBER+@band(cp+h+3a18453))</a>  <b>Connection:</b> She sought freedom for slaves, along with others such as Abraham Lincoln.</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Sojourner Truth CREATED/PUBLISHED n. d.  NOTES: Quotation: "If de fust woman God ever made was strong enough to turn de world upside down all alone, dese women all togedder ought to be able to turn it back and get it right side up agin."  <b>URL:</b> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.rbc/rbcmil.scrp1000203">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.rbc/rbcmil.scrp1000203</a>  <b>Connection:</b> Another quote from Truth that shows how strong her beliefs are.</p>



(Secondary Source)

**Title:** Fifteenth Amendment. Celebrated May 19th, 1870 / from an original design by James C. Beard.  
**Creator(s):** Kelly, Thomas., Related Names: Beard, James Carter, 1837-1913 , artist, Date  
**Created/Published:** [New York] : Pub. by Thomas Kelly, New York, c1870

**URL:** <http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2003690776/>

**Connection:** One of Truth's early successes- even though she still could not vote.

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