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Student notes for: “Ain’t I A Woman?”

Day: 1

1. Identify the speaker, audience, and setting of this speech. Be prepared to use evidence from the text to prove your thinking.

2. The speaker begins, “Well, children...” . Given the context of the speech, why is this an unusual way to begin? What affect does this phrase have on the tone of the speech?

3. As you reread paragraphs 2 and 4, imagine Sojourner Truth speaking. She makes specific reference to two men in the audience. Why is this an effective technique to get the audience to pay attention to her?

4. Reread paragraph 3. Notice how Sojourner Truth interacts with one of the audience members. Considering the context of the speech, what is unusual about this interaction?

5. Reread the final paragraph/sentence of the speech. What do you think Sojourner Truth is trying to accomplish by ending the speech this way?

6. Think about the way Sojourner Truth addresses the audience throughout the speech. How does she engage and connect with the audience? Discuss your ideas with a partner.

