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Meet Sojourner Truth (pg. 368)

1. For what two issues did Sojourner Truth fight?
2. How old was Truth when she escaped?
3. What does “sojourner” mean?
4. Why do you think her new first and last names were appropriate for her?
5. What is the title of Truth’s most famous speech?
6. What two specific ways did she assist after the start of the Civil War?
7. What was her job with the National Freedmen’s Relief Assn.?

Building Background (pg. 369)

8. What was the main topic of the speeches given by male ministers at the 1851 Women’s Rights convention?
9. Why do you think Truth gave her famous speech?

Understanding Persuasive Arguments in “And Ain’t I a Woman?” (pg. 370)

Sojourner Truth’s speech “And Ain’t I a Woman” is a powerful argument for women’s rights. In her speech, she discusses and refutes several popular arguments against women’s right to vote. In the chart below, identify three arguments against and three arguments for women’s rights that Truth uses to persuade her audience.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST WOMEN’S RIGHTS (Write in your own words)	ARGUMENTS FOR WOMEN’S RIGHTS (Truth’s response to the argument in left column – Use Truth’s actual words – direct quote)
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

