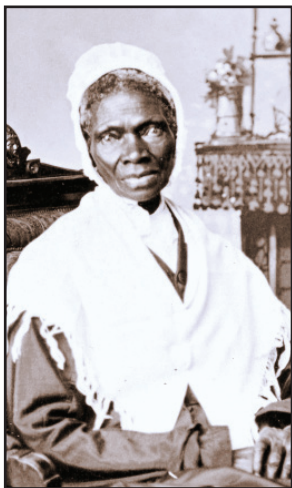


“We are now trying for liberty that requires no blood—that women shall have their rights—not rights from you. Give them what belongs to them; they ask it kindly too.”



**Sojourner Truth,**  
African American suffragist and abolitionist,  
quote from a national convention of the American  
Equal Rights Association, May 1867

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The American Equal Rights Association existed from 1866 to 1869 and worked to “secure Equal Rights to all American citizens, especially the right of suffrage, irrespective of race, color, or sex.”

In her speech to this group in New York City in 1867, Sojourner Truth acknowledges the success of the anti-slavery cause but regrets that freedom was won through a bloody civil war.

Look for news, in print or online, about a person or group of modern people fighting for a cause they strongly believe in. Prepare a summary report about this situation and be sure to include the who, what, when, where, why and how.

Has this struggle resulted in violence?

As a group (in person or virtually), discuss ways this modern group might work to achieve their goals in a peaceful way.

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