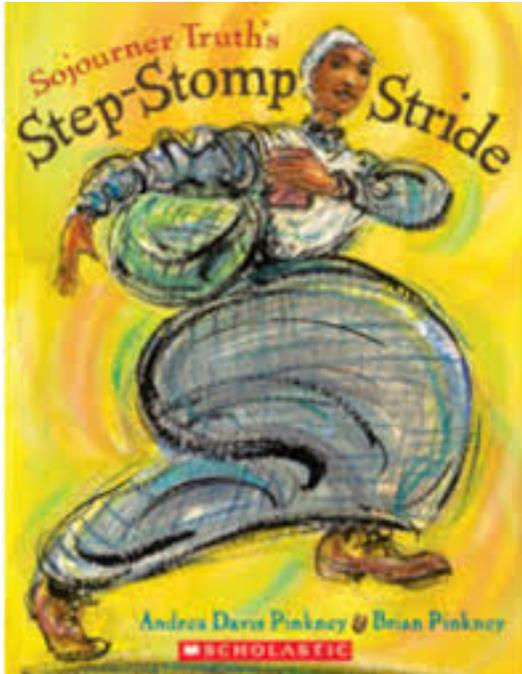




“Sojourner Truth’s Step-Stomp Stride”
By Andrea Davis Pinkney, Illustrated By Brian Pinkney



About *Sojourner Truth*: Born into slavery, Belle had to endure the cruelty of several masters before she escaped to freedom. But she knew she wouldn’t really be free unless she was helping to end injustice. That’s when she changed her name to Sojourner and began traveling across the country, demanding equal rights for Black people and for women. Many people weren’t ready for her message, but Sojourner was brave, and her truth was powerful. Ages 5–9.

Read Aloud Tips:

- Go through the photos of the book before reading and ask students to guess what might happen in the book.
- Use the book in a larger unity about slavery. It might be a good book to pair with *Moses*.
- Sojourner’s passion was to end injustices. Ask students to identify injustices that they see happen and what are some possible solutions to those injustices.

About The Authors: Andrea Davis Pinkney and Brian Pinkney have made an outstanding contribution to the field of children's literature both as individuals and as a team. Between them, they have published more than seventy children's books that have received the highest awards and accolades, including Caldecott Honors, Coretta Scott King Honors, NAACP Image Award nominations, and the May Hill Arbutnot Honor Lecture Award, to name a few.



Additional Resources:

Find more information on other books that can be used in your class library at literacy.roosevel.edu.

“Andrea Davis Pinkney’s narrative adopts a confidential, admiring tone, tracing Truth’s years of enslaved toil, her subsequent escape, deep religious faith and narration of her life story to abolitionist Olive Gilbert. ... Brian Pinkney’s watercolors, in washes of ochre and slate blue contoured in inky black, utilize a dry-brush technique well suited for depicting Truth’s hardscrabble youth and unyielding commitment to justice. ... Imbued with a righteous beauty—like Sojourner herself. ”

- *Kirkus Reviews*