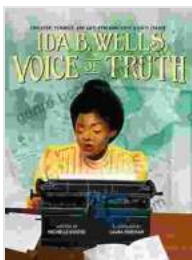


Educator, Feminist, and Anti-Lynching Civil Rights Leader: Ida B. Wells-Barnett

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Early Life and Education

Ida Bell Wells was born on July 16, 1862, in Holly Springs, Mississippi. Her parents were slaves who had been freed after the Civil War. Ida was the oldest of eight children, and she showed a strong interest in learning from a young age. She attended Rust College in Holly Springs, and later moved to Memphis, Tennessee, to work as a teacher.



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Journalism Career

Ida began her journalism career in 1884, when she wrote an article for the local Memphis newspaper, the "Free Speech and Headlight." Her article criticized the city's segregated streetcar system, and it sparked outrage

among white readers. Ida was forced to flee Memphis, but she continued to write about the injustices faced by African Americans.

In 1892, Ida published her first pamphlet, "Southern Horrors: Lynch Law in All Its Phases." The pamphlet documented the lynching of three African American men in Memphis, and it helped to raise awareness of the widespread problem of lynching in the South. Ida's work as an anti-lynching crusader gained her national attention, and she became a leading voice in the fight against racial violence.

Anti-Lynching Activism

Ida's anti-lynching activism took many forms. She wrote articles, gave speeches, and organized protests. She also worked with other activists to form the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The NAACP was founded in 1909, and it has since become one of the most influential civil rights organizations in the United States.

Ida's work as an anti-lynching crusader helped to bring about a decline in the number of lynchings in the United States. In 1910, she helped to organize a mass march in New York City to protest the lynching of an African American man named Leo Frank. The march was a success, and it helped to raise awareness of the issue of lynching.

Suffrage Movement

In addition to her work as an anti-lynching crusader, Ida was also a leading figure in the suffrage movement. She believed that women should have the right to vote, and she worked tirelessly to achieve this goal. Ida was a member of the National American Woman Suffrage Association

(NAWSA), and she served as a delegate to the International Council of Women.

Ida's work in the suffrage movement was controversial, and she faced criticism from both white and black leaders. However, she never gave up on her belief that women should have the right to vote. In 1920, the 19th Amendment was passed, granting women the right to vote. Ida's work as a suffragist helped to make this victory possible.

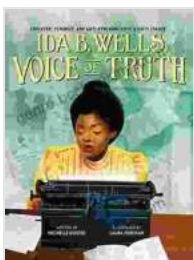
Legacy

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Ida's legacy is one of courage, determination, and perseverance. She never gave up on her beliefs, even when faced with opposition. She fought for what she believed in, and she made a difference in the world.

Additional Resources

- The Ida B. Wells-Barnett Museum
- Ida B. Wells-Barnett: An Anti-Lynching Crusader
- Ida B. Wells-Barnett



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