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# Ida B. Wells-Barnett (1862–1931)

Born into slavery in Mississippi, Ida B. Wells-Barnett became a fearless investigative journalist, educator, and early leader in the civil rights movement. She used her skills as a writer to document the injustice of lynching in the United States, risking her life to tell the truth.

She was also a founding member of the NAACP and a staunch supporter of the women's suffrage movement, though she often had to fight for her place within it due to racial prejudice.

## Questions:

1. **Identify:** What was Ida B. Wells-Barnett's primary "tool" for fighting social injustice?

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2. **Context:** What does her story tell us about the intersection of the Civil Rights movement and the Women's Suffrage movement?

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3. **Vocabulary:** Define "investigative journalism" based on Ida's career.

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