**Uncovering Allusion in “Ain’t I a Woman?”**

**(Adapted from *Hip Hop Poetry and the Classics* by Sitomer and Cirelli)**

Allusion: A reference to someone or something that is known from history, literature, religion, politics, sports, science, or some other branch of literature.

**Directions:** Sojourner Truth’s poem is filled with allusions. Identify what the author is referring to in the following lines.

**Line 1: Who is the “man” to which the author refers?**

**Line 6: What is the author alluding to, “Or over mud puddles”?**

**Line 10: What does the author mean, “I have plowed and planted”?**

**Line 12: Explain the line, “And no man could head me.”**

**Line 24: Who is the “little black man” to which the author refers?**

**Lines 28 & 29: To what famous moment is the author alluding?**

**Lines 30,31, & 32: To what other famous moment is the author alluding?**