



# Ignatius Sancho

Text Book

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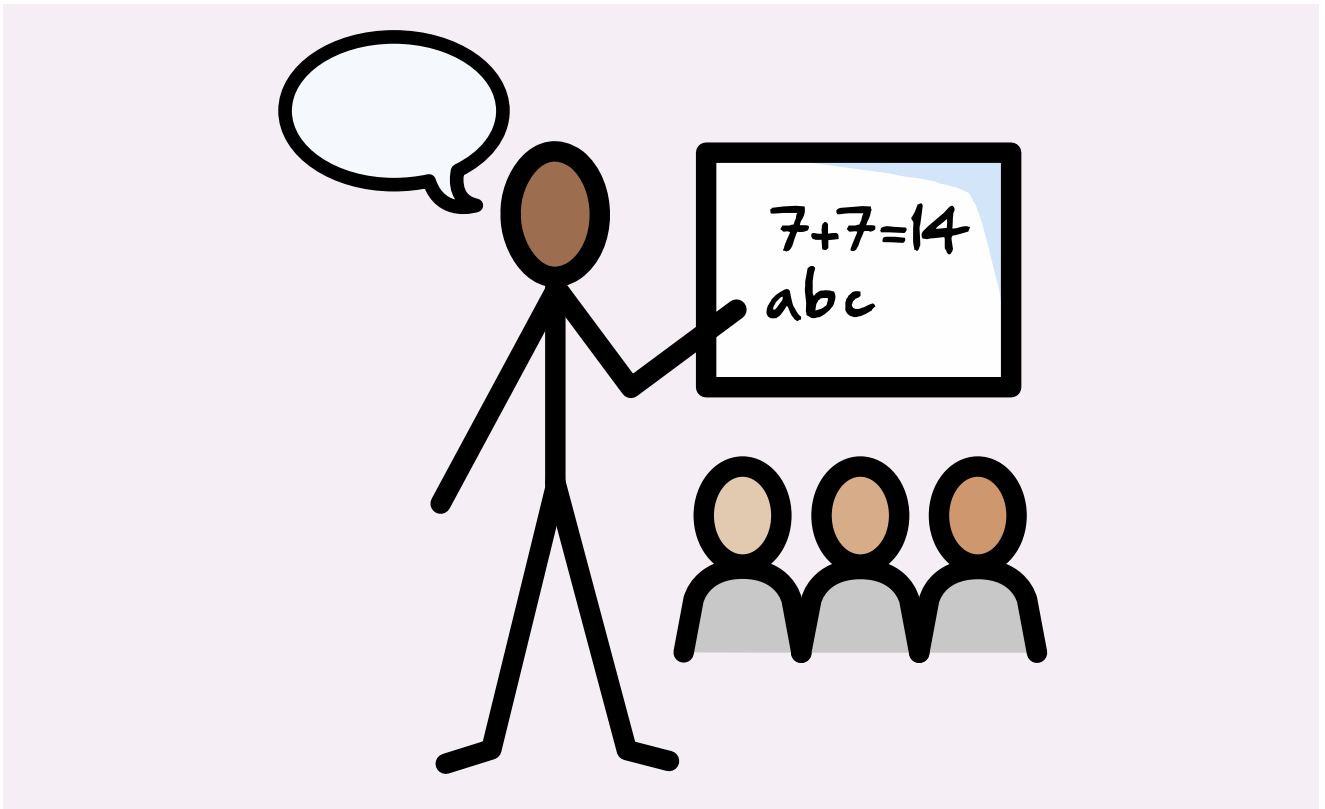


Ignatius Sancho was born on a slave ship in 1729.

His parents were taken across the Atlantic as slaves.

Ignatius' mother and father died soon afterwards.

His master took the young orphan to England.



Ignatius was given to 3 sisters in London.

Here he grew up as a house slave.

Ignatius became friends with the Duke of Montagu.

The Duke gave him books and he taught himself.

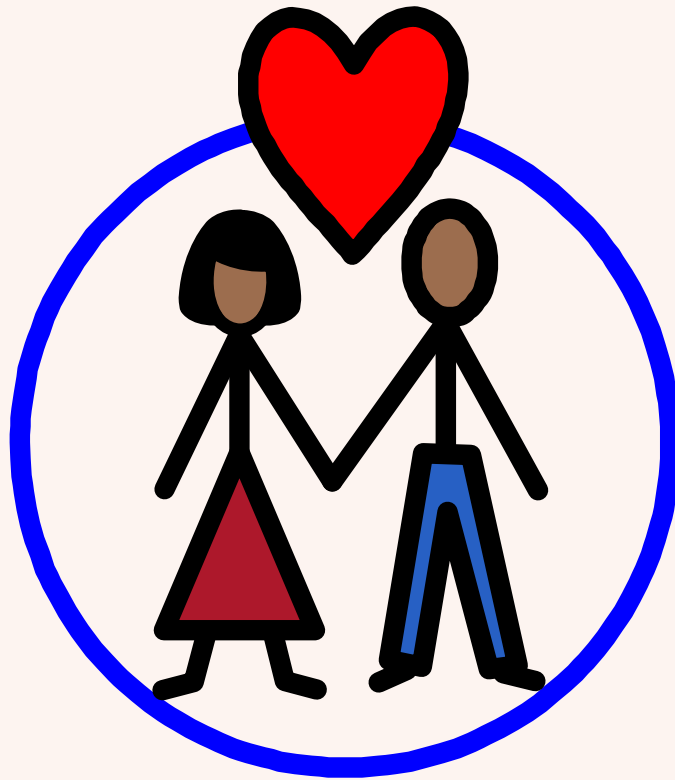


In 1749 he left the house where he grew up.

Ignatius went to work for the Duchess of Montagu.

He became free and continued to educate himself.

Ignatius enjoyed music, poetry, reading and writing.



In the 1760s Ignatius married Anne Osbourne.

Anne had grown up in the West Indies.

Ignatius became a devoted husband and father.

Ignatius and Anne had seven children.

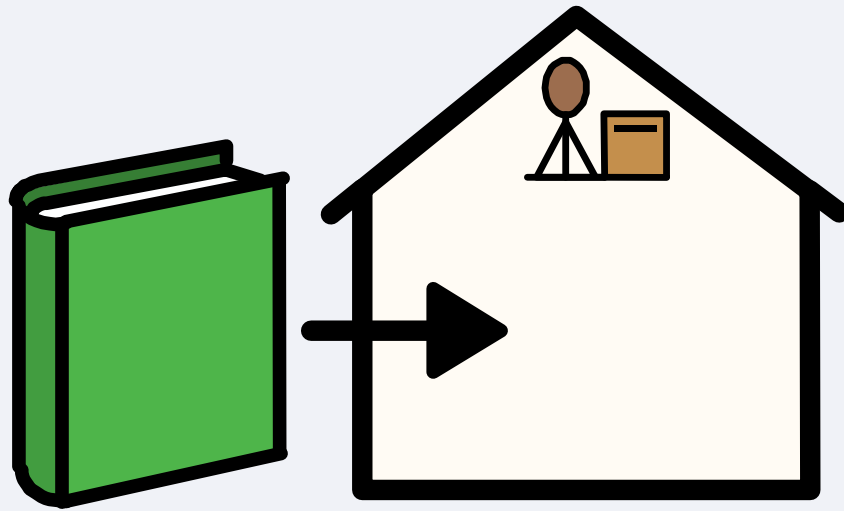


Ignatius became valet to the next Duke of Montagu.

In 1768 Thomas Gainsborough painted his portrait.

Ignatius composed music and acted on the stage.

He entertained many artists and writers.



Ignatius wrote drama, poetry and songs.

In 1774 he opened a grocery shop in London.

Ignatius wrote many letters against slavery.

He published a theory of music and two plays.



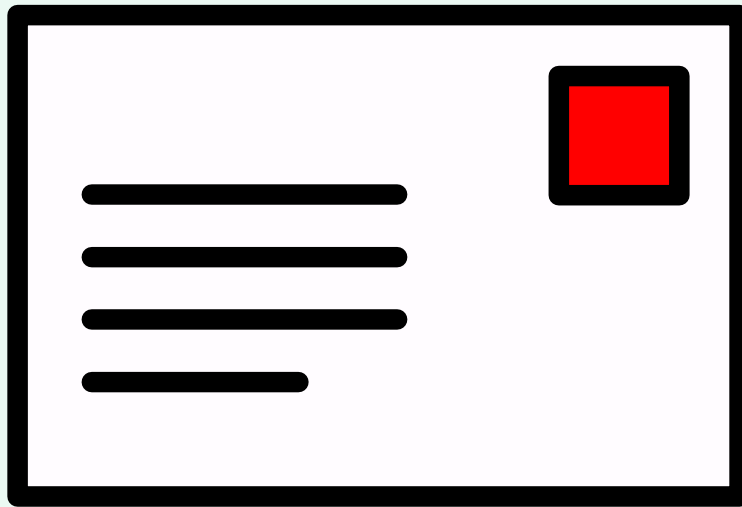


Ignatius could vote because he owned property.

He was the first African to vote in a British election.

He wrote to influential men against the slave trade.

He became a symbol of the humanity of Africans.



Ignatius Sancho died in London in 1780.

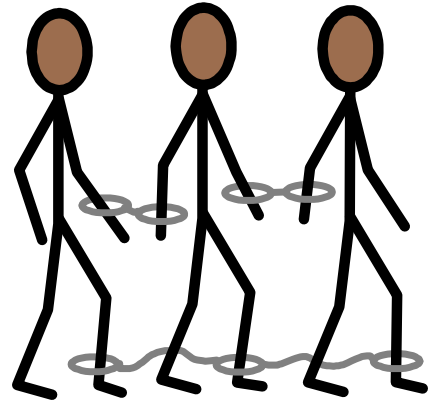
His death was reported in many newspapers.

160 of Ignatius' letters were published in 1782.

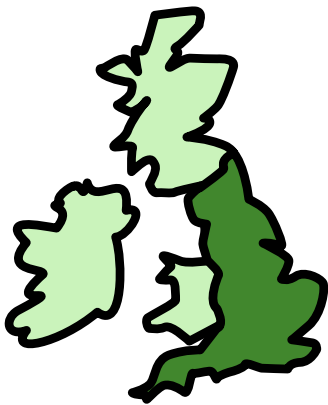
His writings were popular and are still read today.



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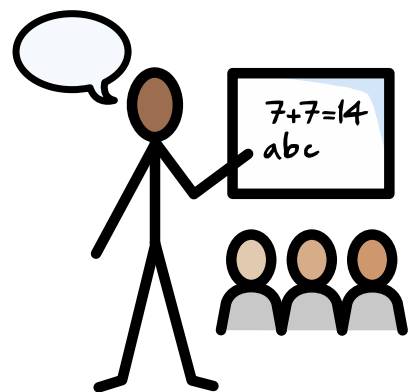
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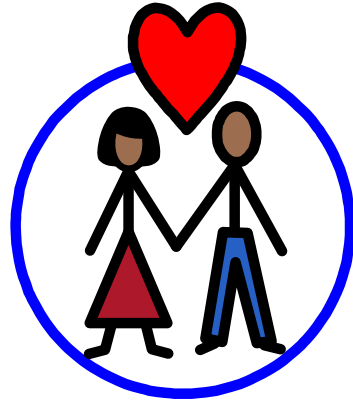
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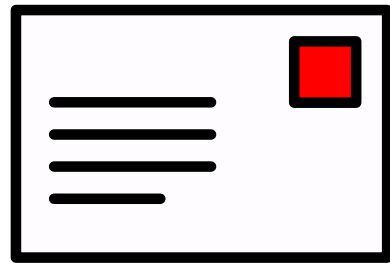
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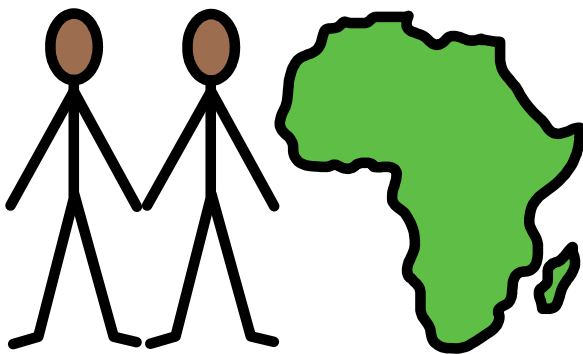
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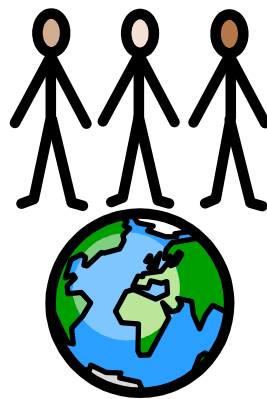
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