

# Black Tudors

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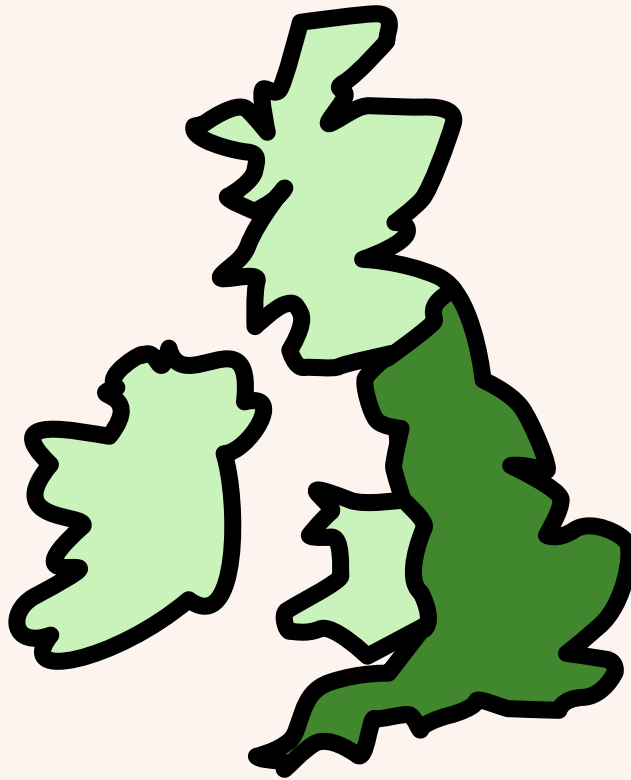
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Tudor



England



did not have



slaves.



People

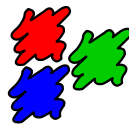


were not



judged

by the



colour

of their



skin.



Religion,

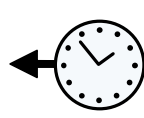


wealth

and



skills



were



more



important.

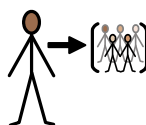


England



was not

heavily

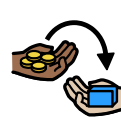


involved in

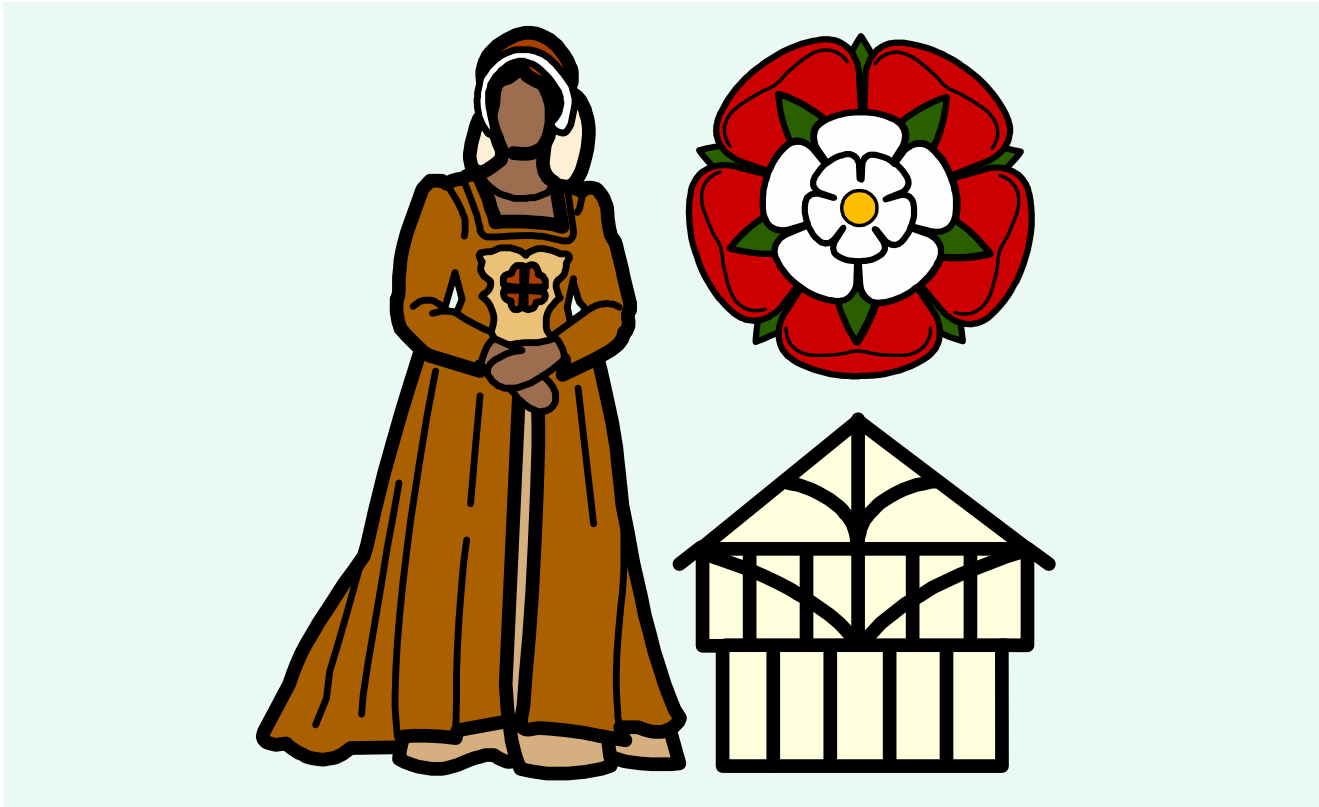
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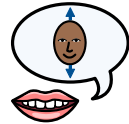







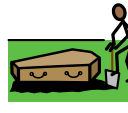

slave







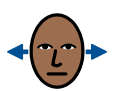

trade.

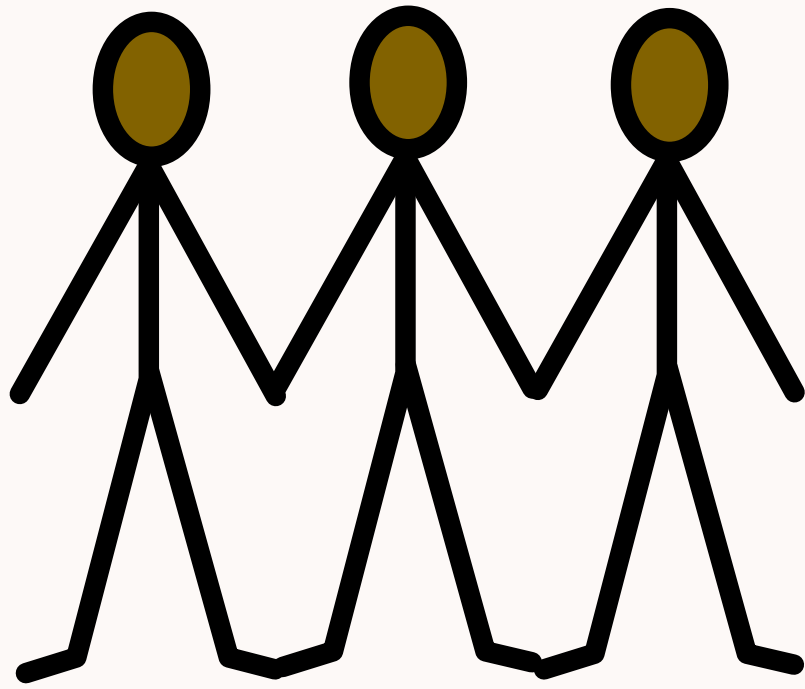



 Black people
 were
 
 accepted
 into
 
 Tudor
 
 society.


 They
 were
 
 baptised,
 
 married
 and
 
 buried
 by the
 
 church.

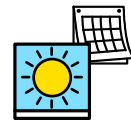

 They
 had
 
 skills
 and
 
 were paid
 like
 
 everyone else.


 In
 England
 
 black people
 were
 
 free
 and
 
 not
 
 slaves.

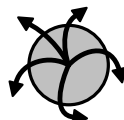


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Hundreds of black people lived in Tudor England.



Ships were sailing all over the world by this date.



Black people were living all over Europe.



IV





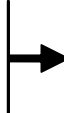


In Scotland James iv had black musicians at court.












 Black people came to England from Africa.






 They came to England from Spain and the Caribbean.






 They came to England with privateers and pirates.






















 They came with merchants, aristocracy and royalty.




 John Blanke was a 
 
 black musician in the 
 
 Tudor court.


 He may have 
 
 come 
 
 with 
 
 Catherine of Aragon in 
 
 1501.


 In 1509 he 
 
 played trumpet 
 
 at the funeral 
 
 of 
 
 Henry vii.





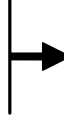

 In 1509 he 
 
 played 
 
 at the coronation 
 
 of 
 
 Henry viii.




 John Blanke was paid wages of 8 pence a day.
 












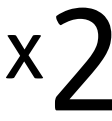

 John wanted more money from the king.
 






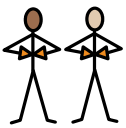
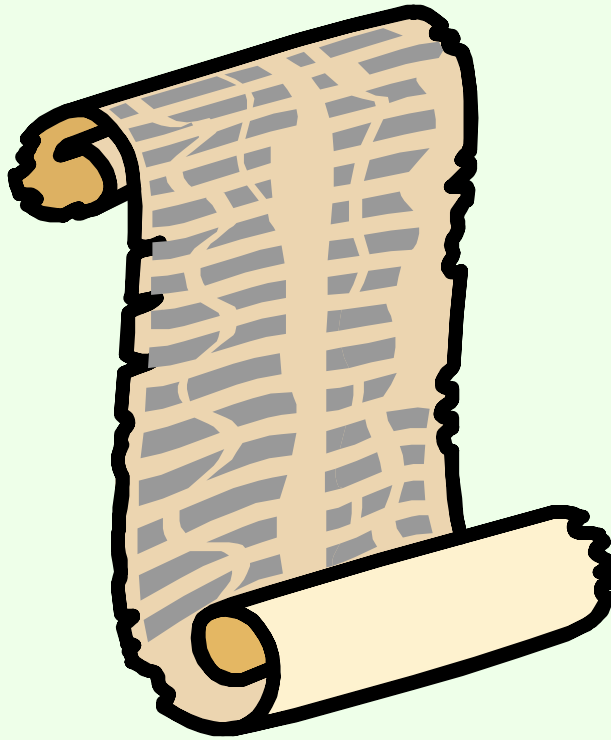
 He wrote to Henry viii asking for a rise in pay.
 



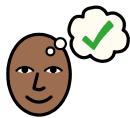




 John was successful and his wages were doubled.
 








We



know about



John



from records

of the

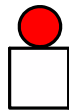


time.



He

is



on

the

Westminster Tournament Roll

of

1511

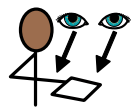


1511.

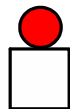


John

is



shown



on



horseback



playing the trumpet.

1512

In 1512



Henry viii



gave



John

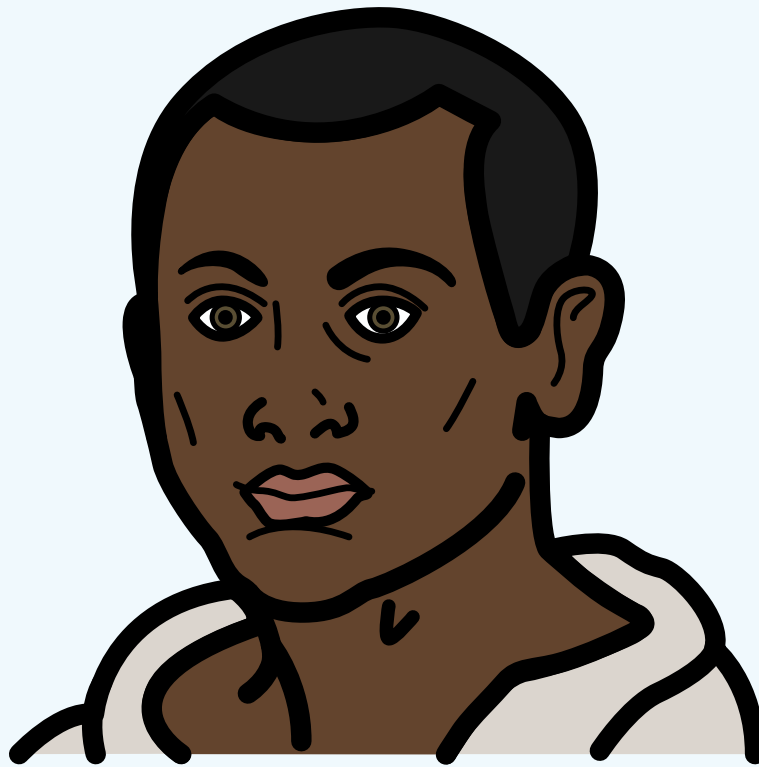
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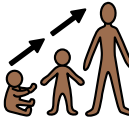

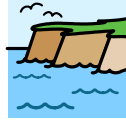
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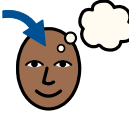

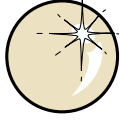



gift.

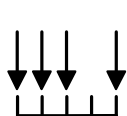
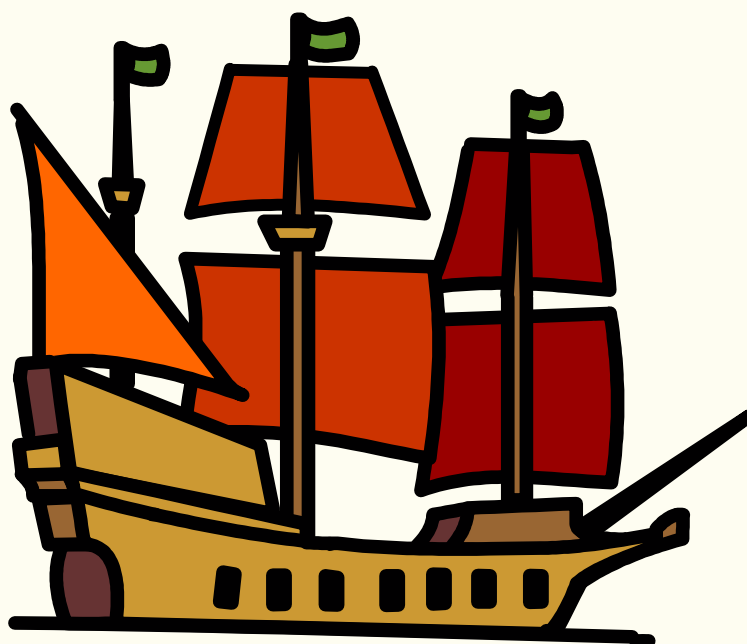



 Jacques Francis
 
 was
 
 born
 
 around
 1529
 in
 
 West Africa.


 He
 
 probably
 
 grew up
 on
 
 an island
 off the
 
 coast.


 He
 =
 
 learnt
 to
 
 dive
 for
 
 pearls
 as a
 
 child.


 Jacques
 
 was
 an
 
 expert
 at
 
 swimming
 and
 
 diving.



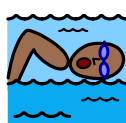
Most



Europeans



couldn't



swim

in



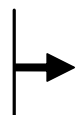
Tudor



times.



Black people



from

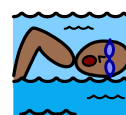


Africa

were



expert



swimmers.

1545

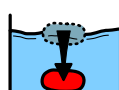
In

1545

the



Mary Rose

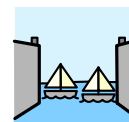


sank

off



Southampton



harbour.



The

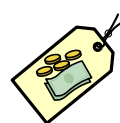
guns

on the



Mary Rose

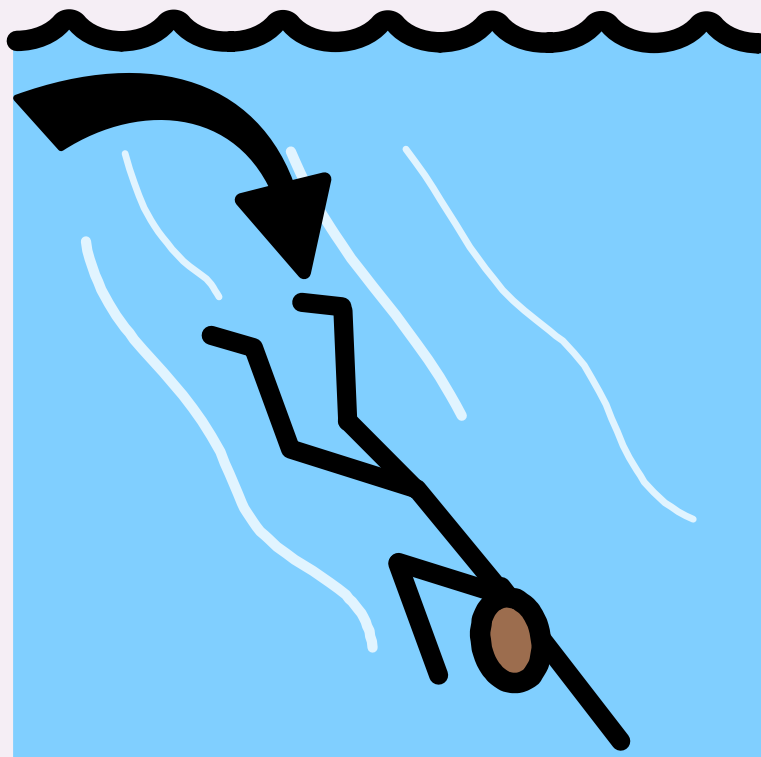
were



worth



a fortune.



Henry



paid



Jacques

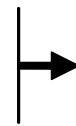
to



salvage



guns



from

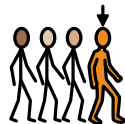


the wreck.



Jacques

was the



lead

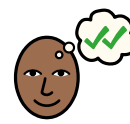


diver

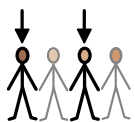
and was



very

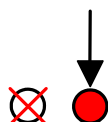


skilled.



Some

of the



other



divers



may have

been



Africans.



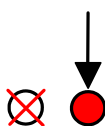
Jacques



also



salvaged



other

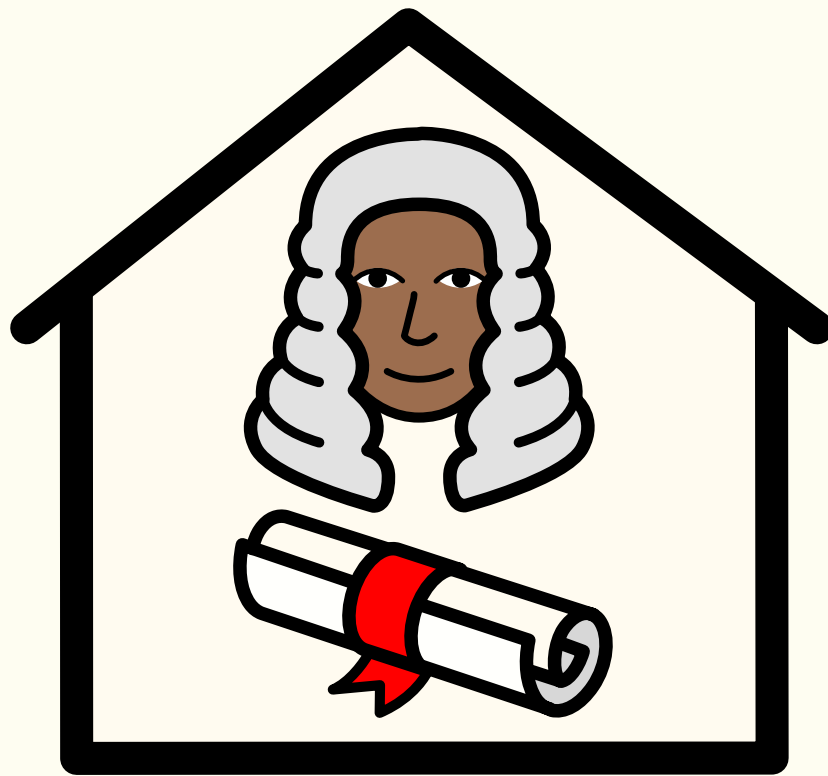


wrecks

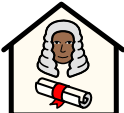

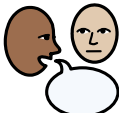


in





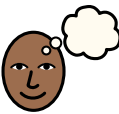

Southampton.







 Jacques' 
  boss 
 was 
  later 
  charged 
 with 
  stealing.





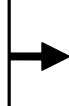

 In court 
  Jacques 
  gave 
  evidence 
 in the 
  trial.





 He 
 = 
 <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup>
 African 
  to appear in 
 an 
  English 
  court.


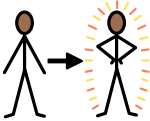


 Jacques 
 was 
  legally 
  considered 
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  free man.

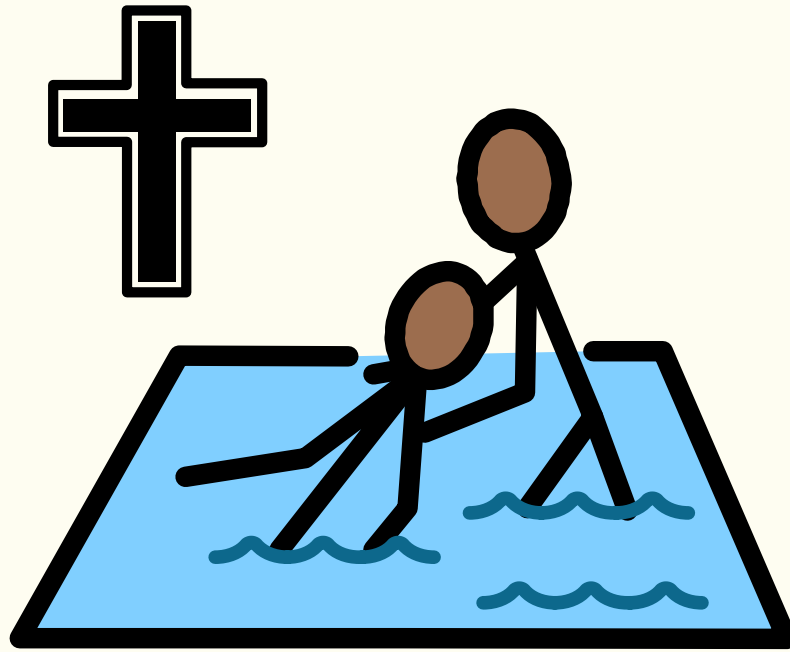






 = 
 
 in 
 
 in 
 
 North Africa.






 bought 
 
 saltpeter 
 
 for 
 
 gunpowder 
 
 from 
 
 Morocco.




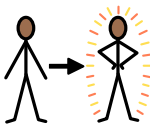


 came to England 
 
 around 
 
 1583, 
 
 aged 
 6 
 or 
 7.


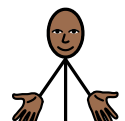

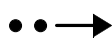




 became 
 
 a 
 
 servant 
 to the 
 
 merchant 
 John Barker.






1597  =    
In 1597 Mary Fillis was baptised in London.

  worked for a  seamstress called  Millicent Porter.




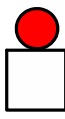

 Millicent  sponsored  Mary and  became her  godmother.

 Mary  needed to be  baptised  so  she  could  marry.





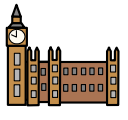
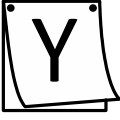



 = 
 
 of an 
 
 king.

Dederi Jaquoah was the son of an African king.






 1610

Dederi sailed to England on the Abigail in 1610.






 2 

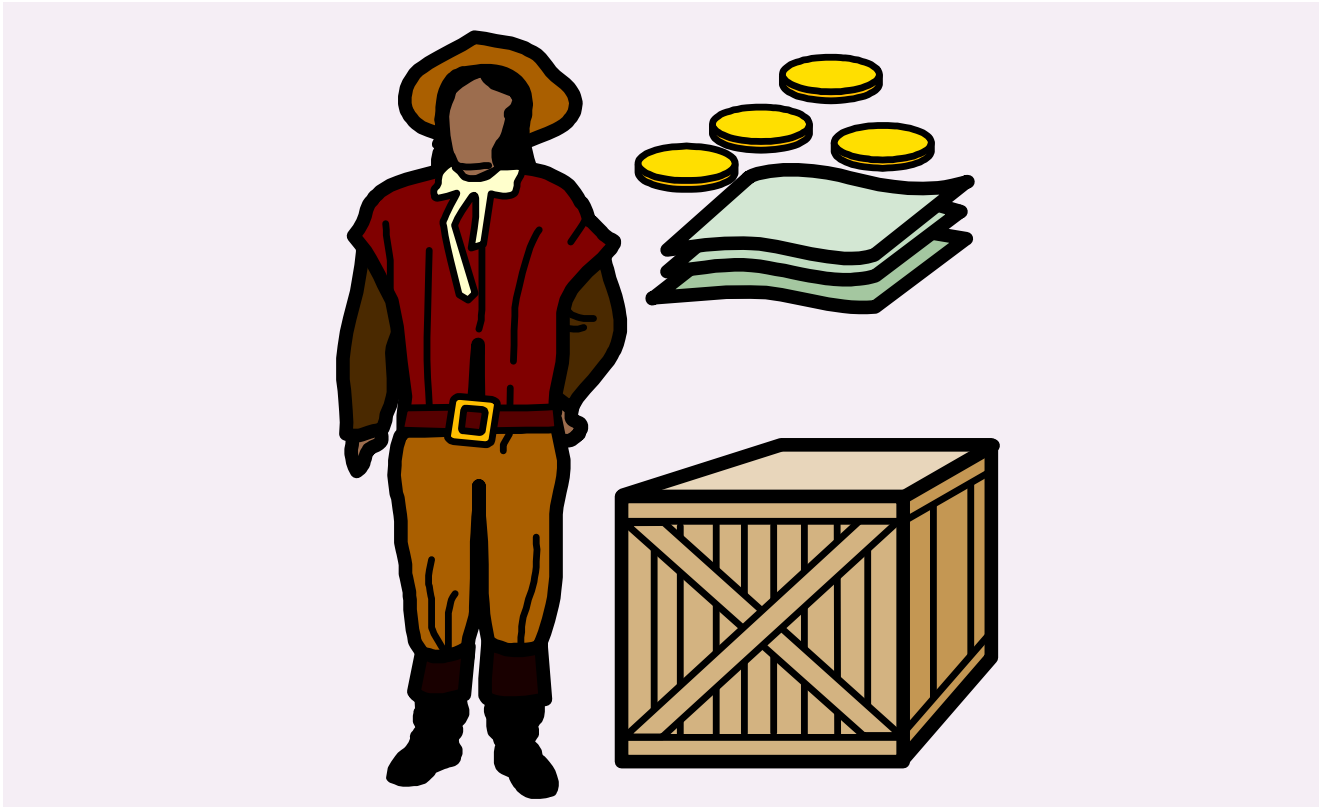
He lived with a merchant in London for 2 years.




 ++ 
 

He learnt to speak English and was also baptised.



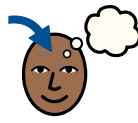


Dederi



came to England

to

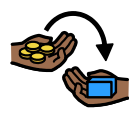


learn



English

for



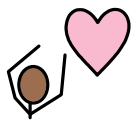
trading.



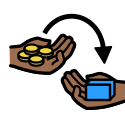
His



kingdom



wanted to



trade



pepper

and



ivory.



Afterwards



Dederi



returned to

his



people

in



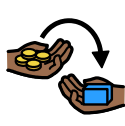
Africa.



Dederi



later

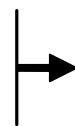


traded

with



merchants



from



England.

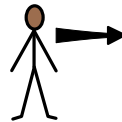
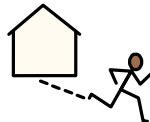


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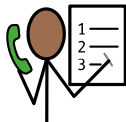


Diego the Circumnavigator was a slave in Panama.

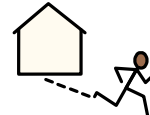
1572



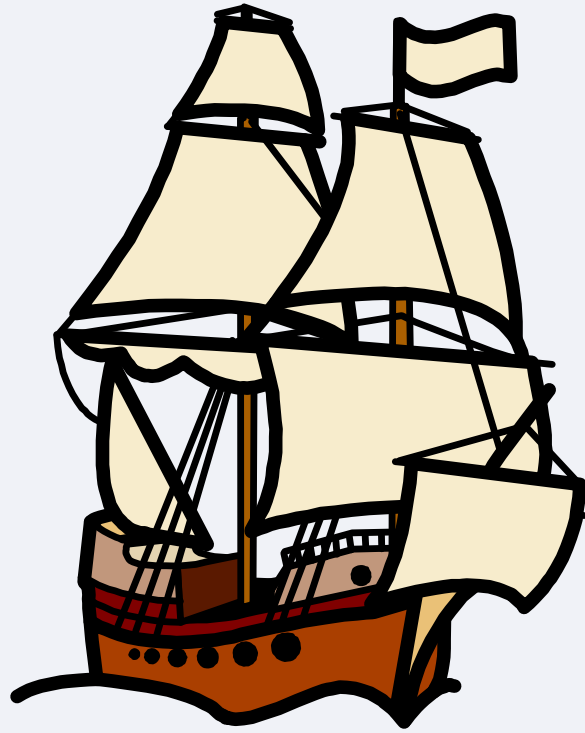
In 1572 he escaped and joined Sir Francis Drake.



Diego arranged an alliance with the Cimarrons.



The Cimarrons were Africans who had escaped slavery.



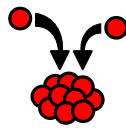
Diego



helped



Drake



capture



a fortune

in



Spanish



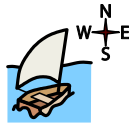
gold.



Afterwards



Diego



sailed



to England

with



Drake.

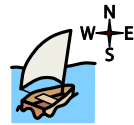
1577

In

1577



Diego



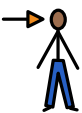
sailed

with



Drake

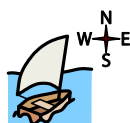
on the Golden Hinde.



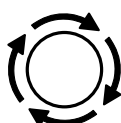
He



died



sailing



around

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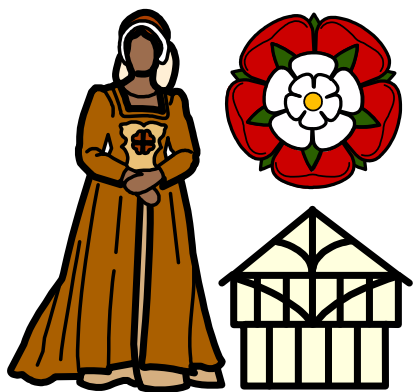


world

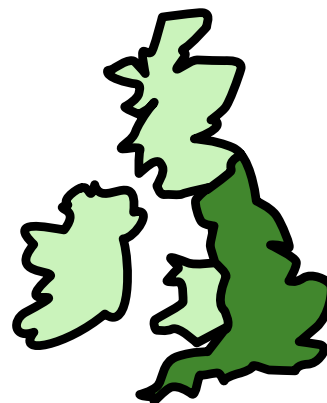
with



Drake.



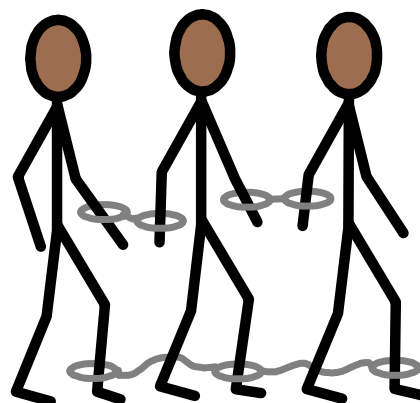
Tudor



England



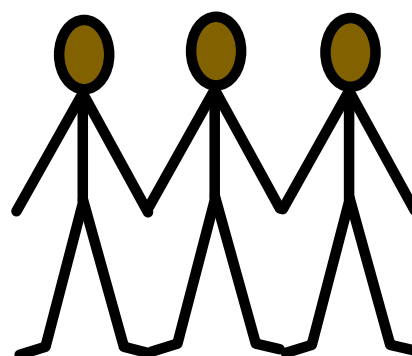
Africa



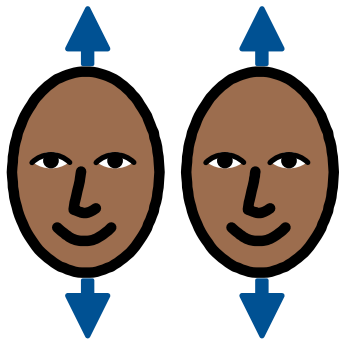
slave



free



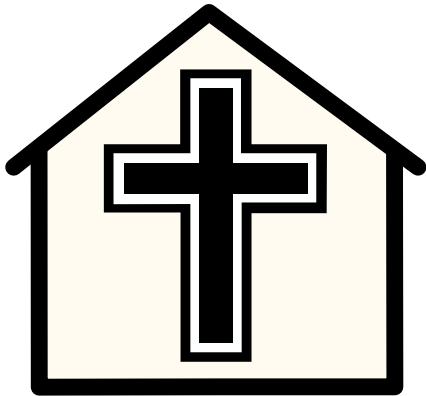
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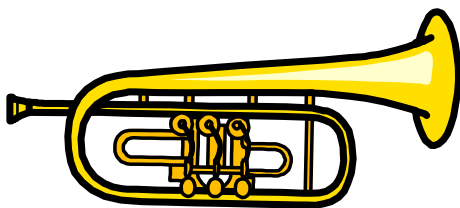
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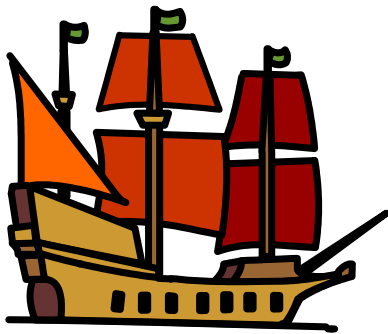
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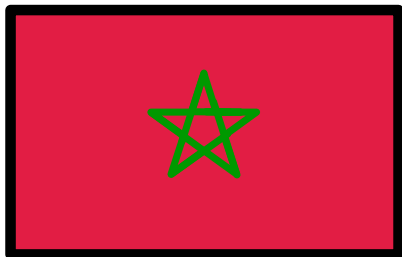
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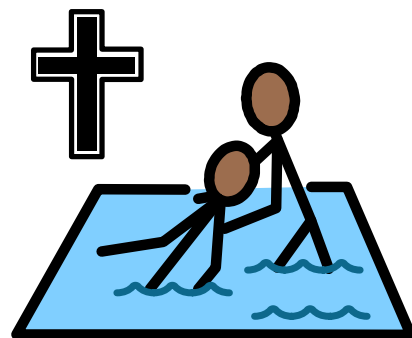
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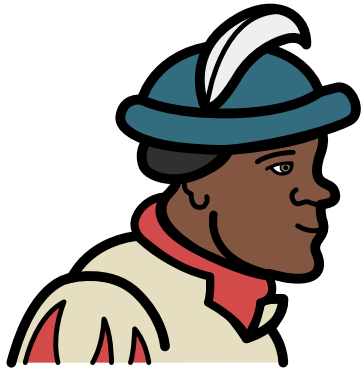
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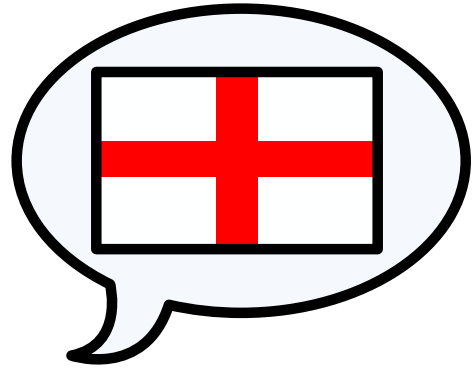
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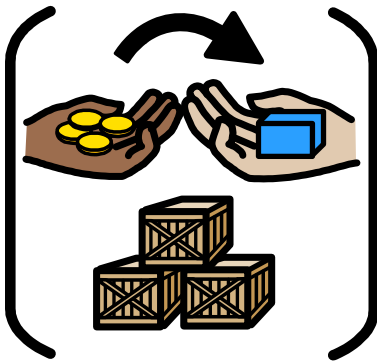
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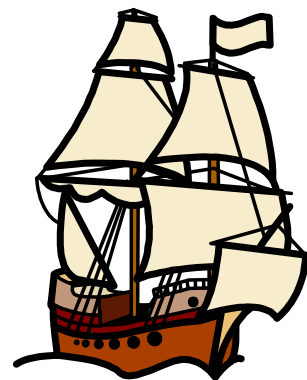
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