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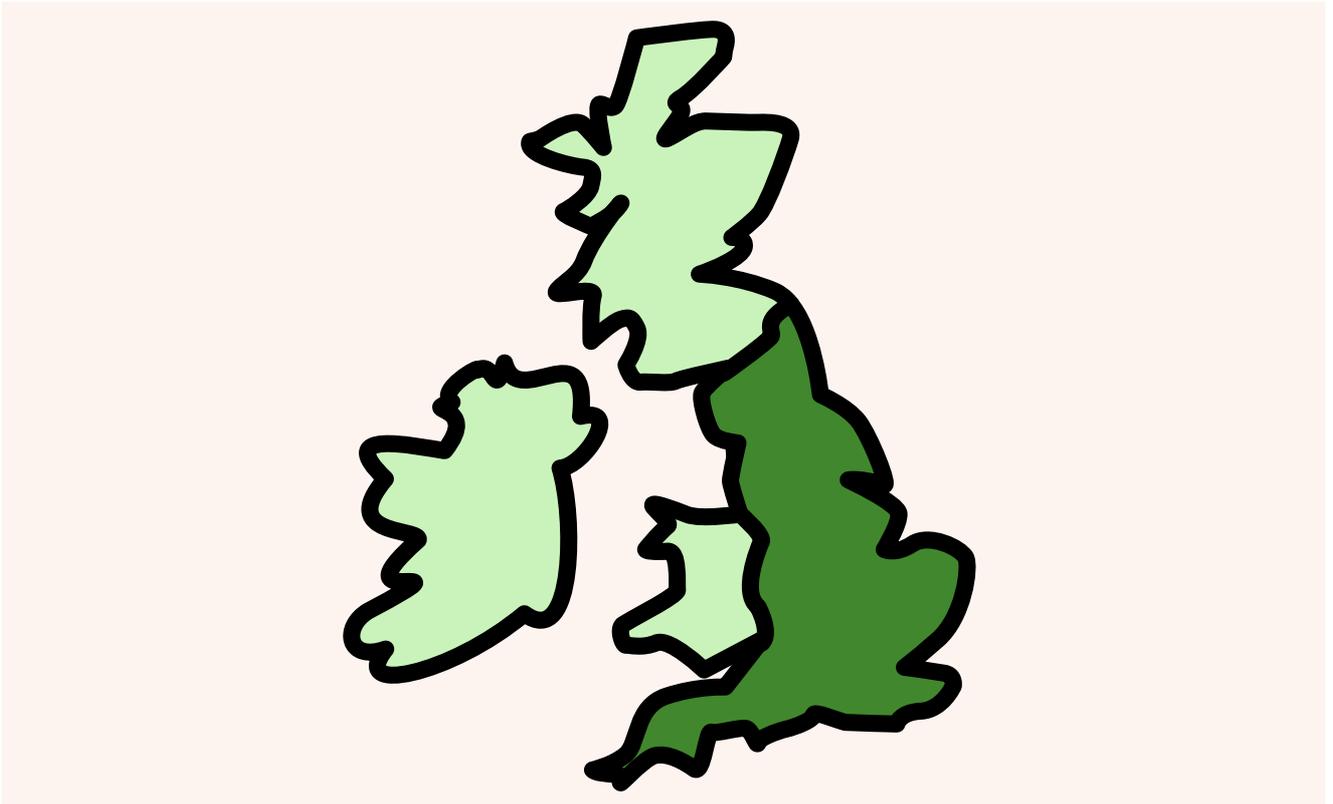
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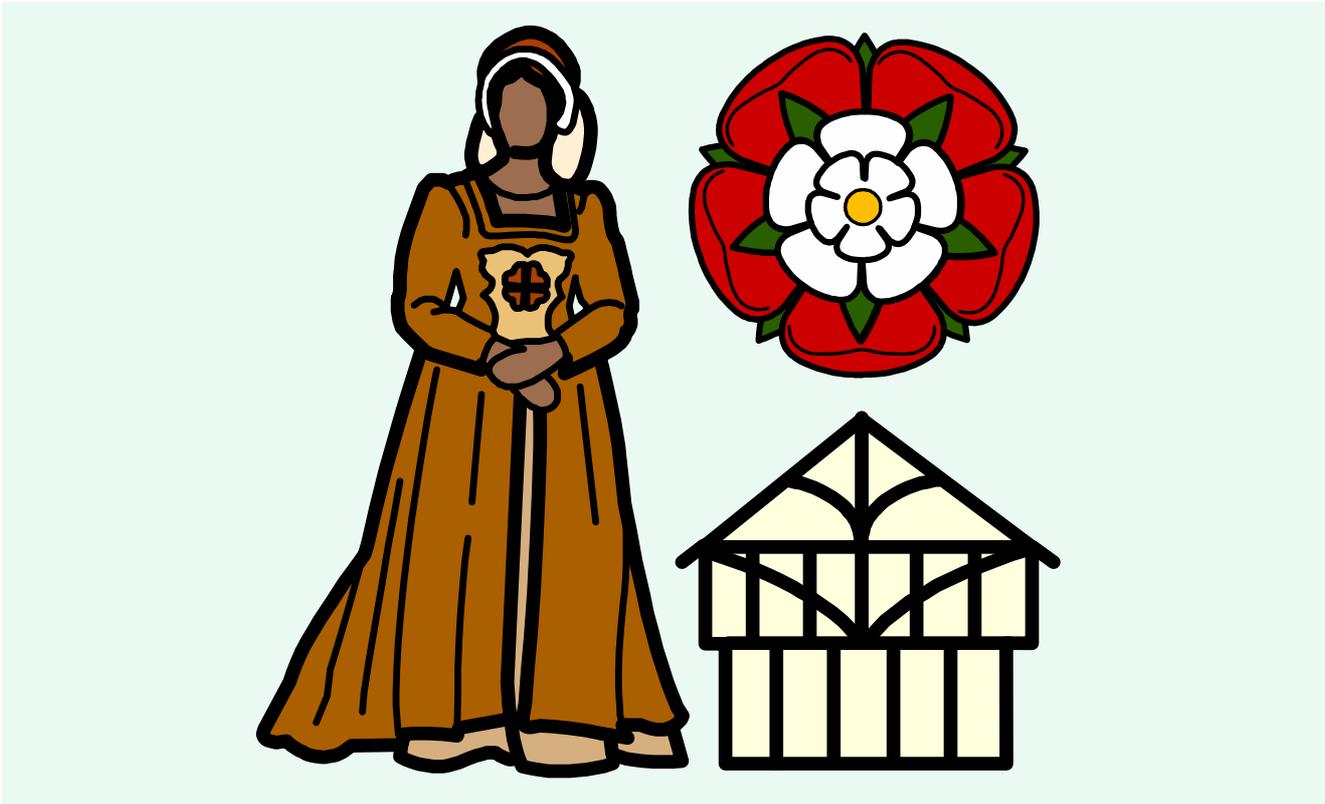


Tudor England did not have slaves.

People were not judged by the colour of their skin.

Religion, wealth and skills were more important.

England was not heavily involved in the slave trade.

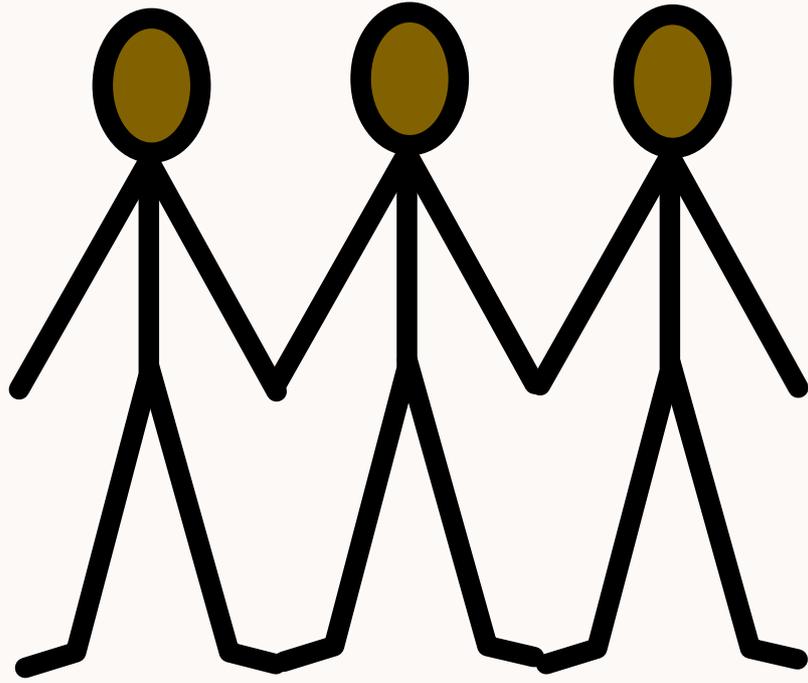


Black people were accepted into Tudor society.

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.



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.

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.

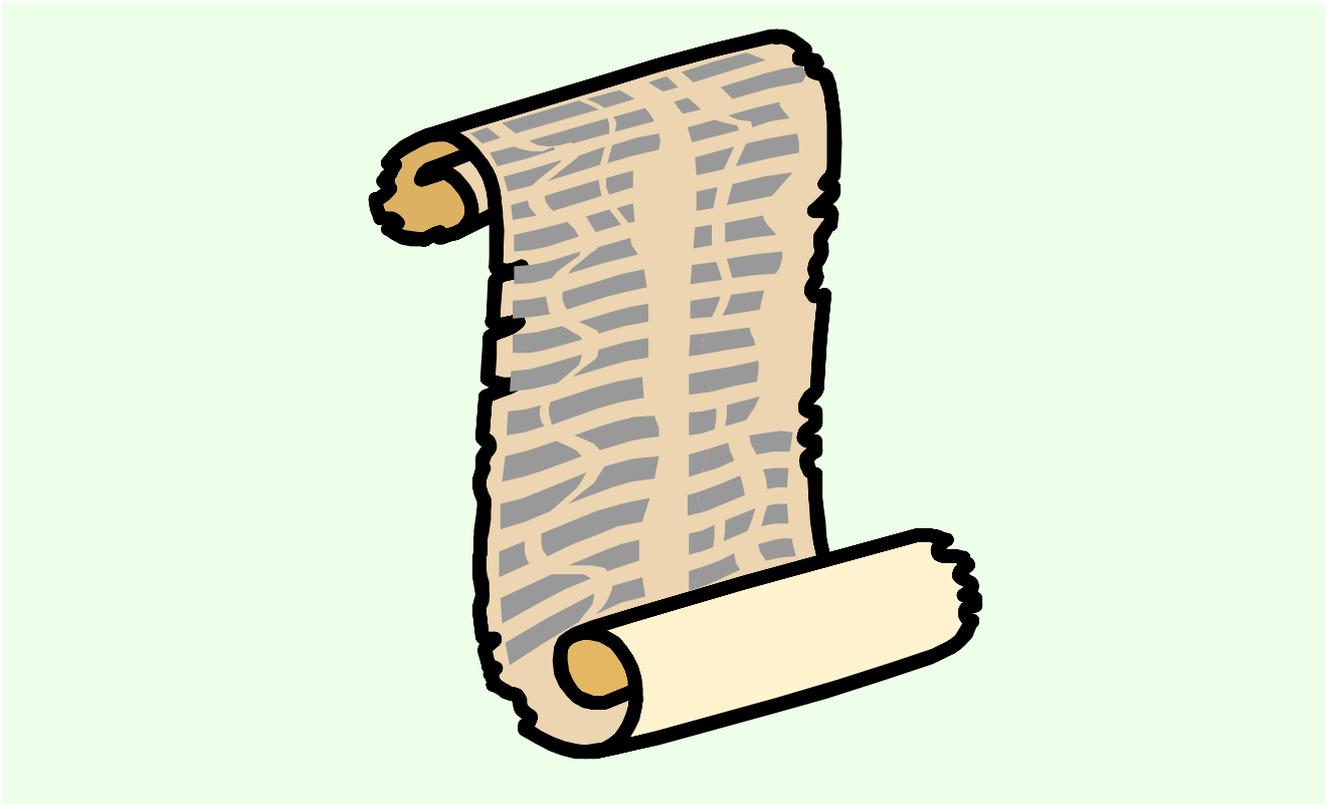


John Blanke was paid wages of 8 pence a day.

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.

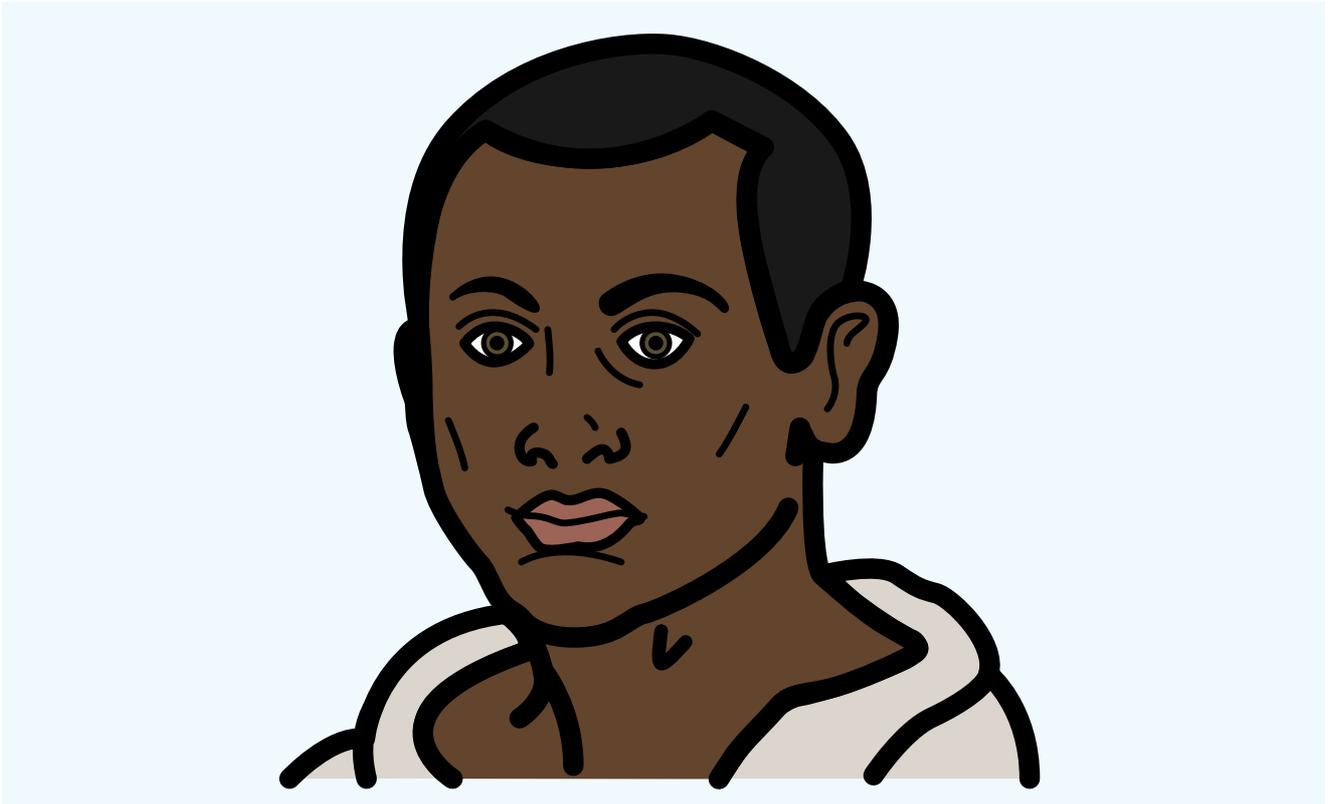


We know about John from records of the time.

He is on the Westminster Tournament Roll of 1511.

John is shown on horseback playing the trumpet.

In 1512 Henry viii gave John a wedding gift.



Jacques Francis was born around 1529 in West Africa.

He probably grew up on an island off the coast.

He will have 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.

In 1545 the Mary Rose sank off Southampton harbour.

The guns on the Mary Rose were worth a fortune.

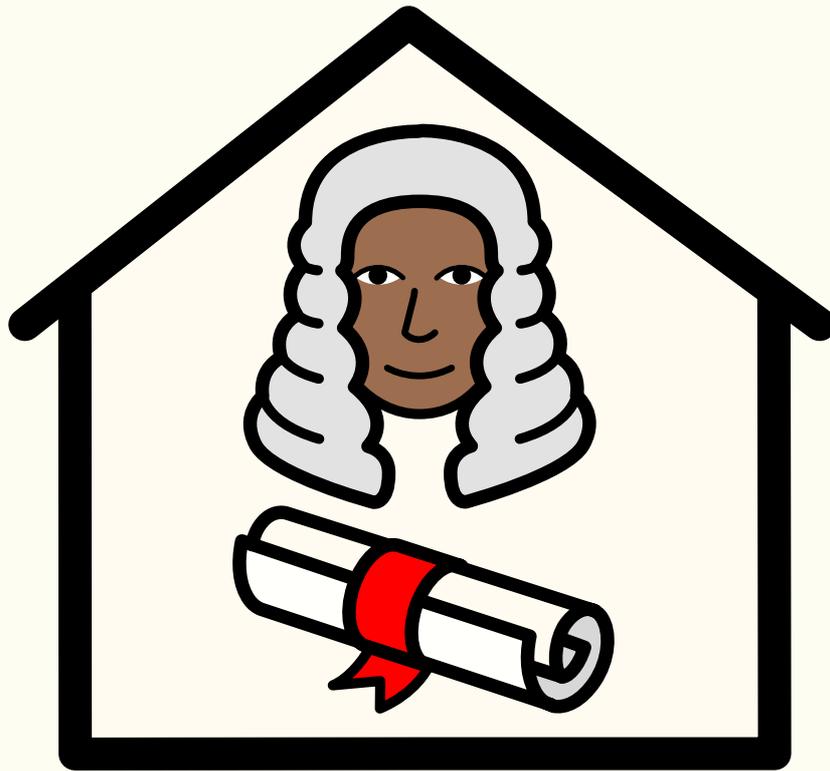


Henry paid Jacques to salvage guns from the wreck.

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 was the 1st African to appear in an English court.

Jacques was legally considered a free man.

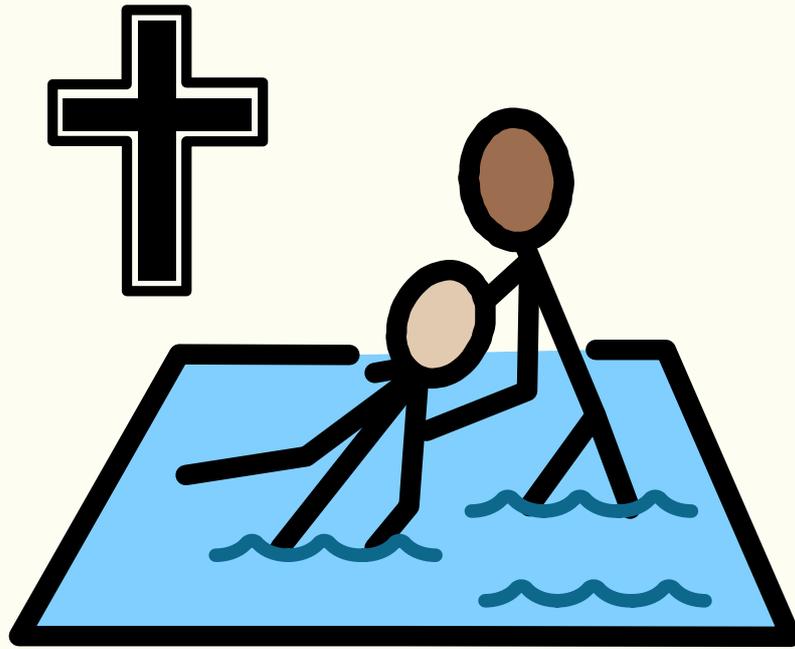


Mary Fillis was born in Morocco in North Africa.

England bought saltpeter for gunpowder from Morocco.

Mary came to England around 1583, aged 6 or 7.

She became a servant to the merchant John Barker.



In 1597 Mary Fillis was baptised in London.

She worked for a seamstress called Millicent Porter.

Millicent sponsored Mary and became her godmother.

Mary needed to be baptised so she could marry.

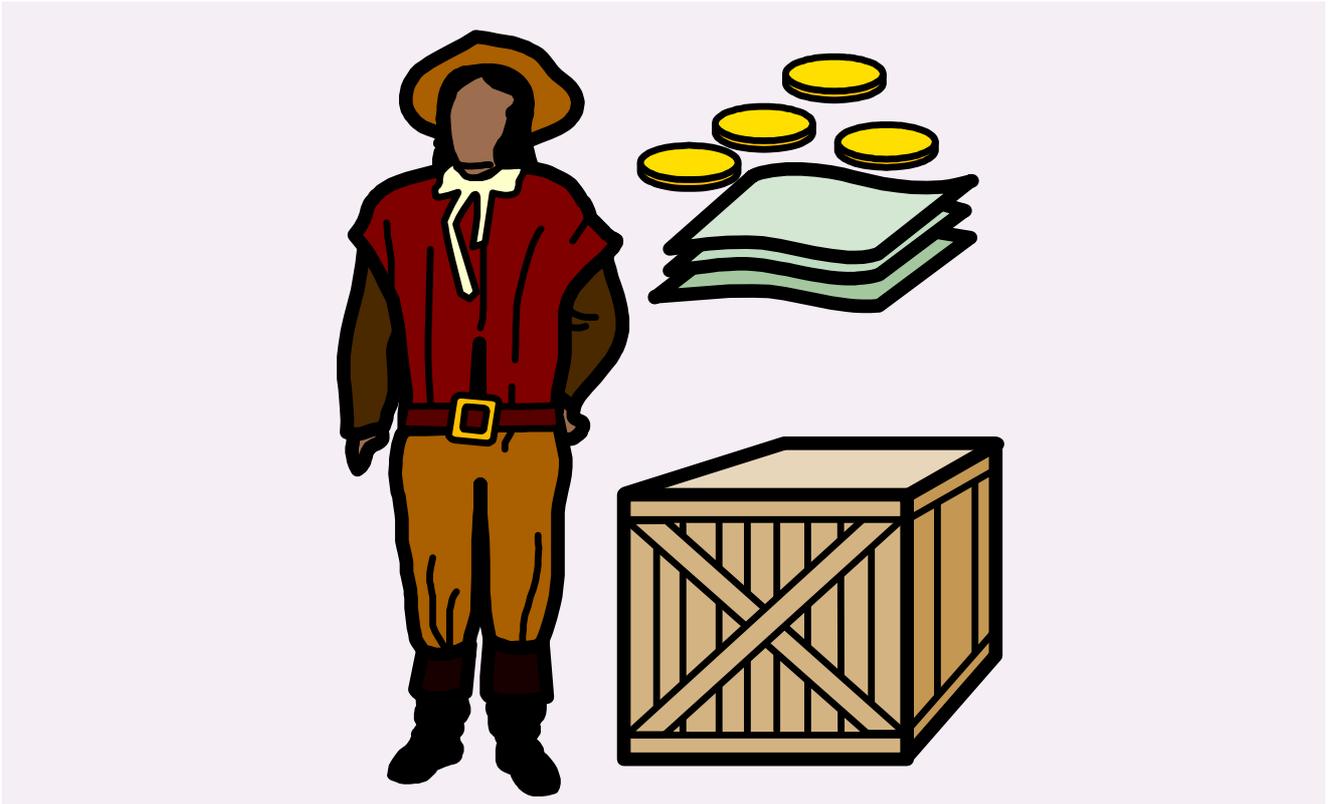


Dederi Jaquoah was the son of an African king.

Dederi sailed to England on the Abigail in 1610.

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.



Diego the Circumnavigator was a slave in Panama.

In 1572 he escaped and joined Sir Francis Drake.

Diego arranged an alliance with the Cimarrons.

The Cimarrons were Africans who had escaped slavery.

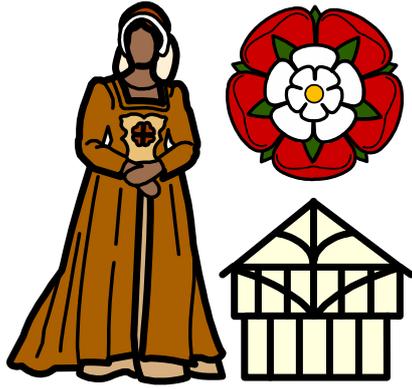


Diego helped Drake capture a fortune in Spanish gold.

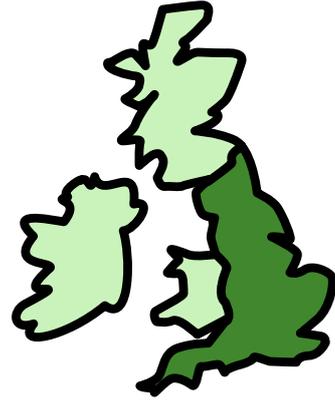
Afterwards Diego sailed to England with Drake.

In 1577 Diego sailed with Drake on the Golden Hinde.

He died sailing around the world with Drake.



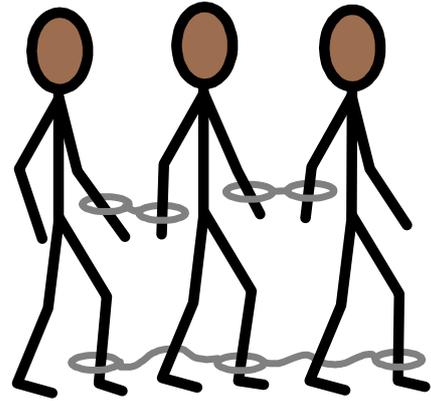
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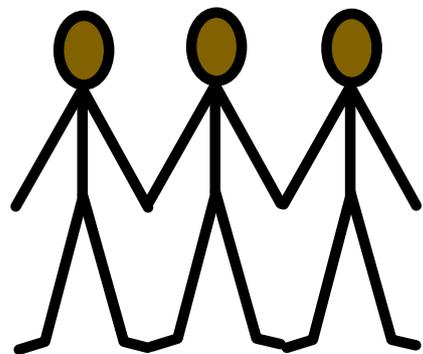
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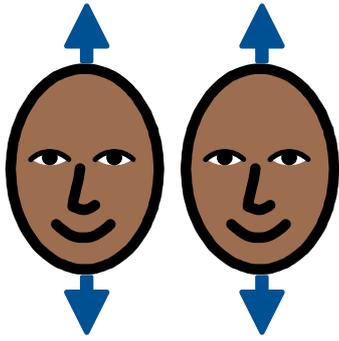
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black people



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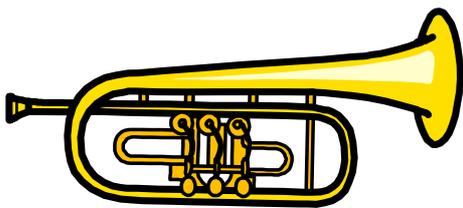
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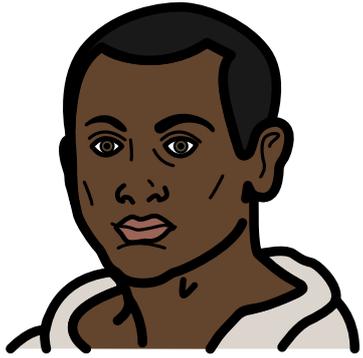
John Blanke



trumpet



Henry viii



Jacques Francis



diver



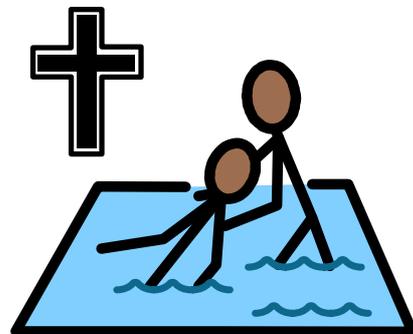
Mary Rose



Mary Fillis



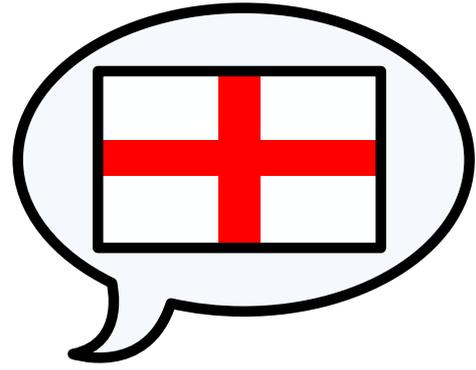
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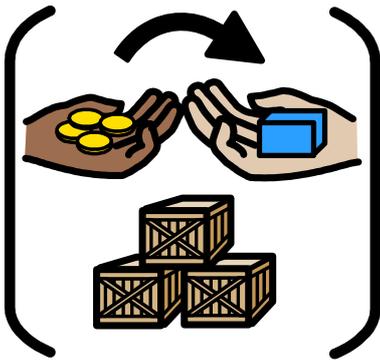
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Dederi Jaquoah



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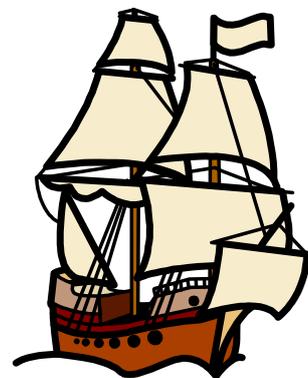
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Diego



Francis Drake



Golden Hinde