



## Romans in Britain



Black Africans first came to Britain as Roman soldiers. **Septimius Severus**, the African-born Roman Emperor was in Britain from 208-211.



## The Tudors and Stuarts



In Tudor and Stuart times there were hundreds of black people living in Britain. **John Blanke** was a Black musician in Henry VIII's Tudor court (1500s).



**Oludah Equiano** was a slave who gained his freedom and became an author and campaigner for abolition in the 1700s.



## WWI

## The Georgians



**Ignatius Sancho** was born on a slave ship but later became an author, composer and active member of the abolitionist movement. He was the first known Black Briton to vote in a general election in 1774.



**Dido Elizabeth Belle** was a rich heiress who lived in Georgian Britain.



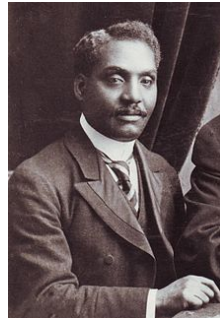
## WWII



**Mary Seacole** was a British-Jamaican nurse who tended soldiers during the Crimean war and then lived in Britain gaining celebrity status in Victorian London.



**Sarah Forbes Bonetta** was an African princess who after being captured and orphaned became the ward and Goddaughter of Queen Victoria.



**John Alcindor** was born in Trinidad and came to the UK to train as a doctor in the 1880s. He is remembered for his heroic service volunteering as a doctor during the First World War with the British Red Cross.



**John Archer** was a British politician who became the first black mayor when he was elected mayor of Battersea in 1913.



**Dr. Harold Moody** was a Jamaican who came to London to train as a doctor, setting up his own medical practice and campaigning for racial equality.



**1948**  
The Empire Windrush arrived with over 1000 passengers aboard, marking the start of post war mass immigration.