



THE *BLACK* CURRICULUM

KS3 Learning Activities



The History of John Blanke



An image of John Blanke on the tournament scroll

Who is John Blanke?

John Blanke, otherwise known as the Black Trumpeter, was a highly respected musician in the early 16th century.

Not much is known about John Blanke due to the poorly documented material of him living, and the fact that he lived so long ago. However, it has been researched that he came to England in 1501 as one of Catherine of Aragon's attendants, when she married Prince Arthur, Henry VIII's older brother.

Head over to this [link](#) to learn about the history of John Blanke!



A reimagined image of John Blanke on the left

Test yourself!

1. Who did Blanke arrive with in 1501?
2. How much money did Blanke earn a day?
3. How many times is Blanke featured in the tournament scroll?
4. How much money was his pay doubled to after asking for a pay rise from King Henry VIII?



Comic Creation!

Learn more about John Blanke and other Black Tudors [here](#)

Conduct further research on REASONABLE BLACKMAN or another Black Tudor

Create a comic strip about this persons life in Britain. Look back at The Black Curriculum's [YouTube videos](#) for inspiration on how to illustrate History.



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