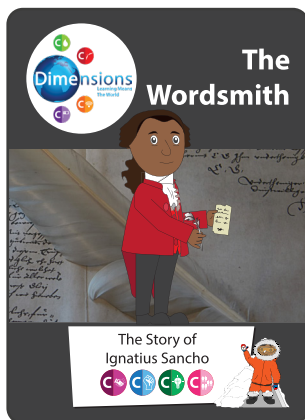


Pathfinders - The Wordsmith



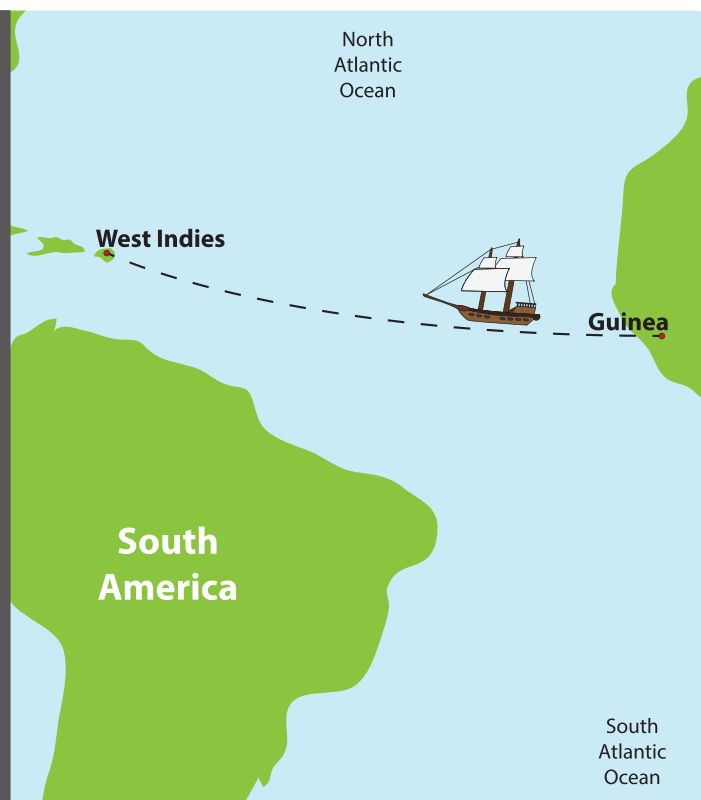
Overview

The Wordsmith is a history-based theme, with a focus on the four competencies of courage, commitment, creativity and community, integrating the subjects of PSHE, art, English and geography. The story of Ignatius Sancho, the first black male to receive the vote in England, is both inspiring and challenging.

Where?

Where did Ignatius Sancho live?

- Ignatius was born in 1729 on a slave ship on the Atlantic Ocean, travelling to the Spanish West Indies from Guinea, West Africa.
- Sadly, because both his parents died when he was very young, Ignatius was taken to London where he was forced to work as a slave. Whilst working there, he met John Montagu, 2nd Duke of Montagu, who showed him kindness and encouragement.
- When the Duke died, Sancho ran away from the house where he was a slave and persuaded the Duke's widow to employ him as her butler.
- He worked for the Duchess until he had enough money to open his own grocery shop with his wife, Anne, in London, which is where he lived for the rest of his life.



Who?

Who was Ignatius Sancho?

- Ignatius Sancho was an African slave boy that, with the help of John Montagu, taught himself to read and write and grew up to be a famous writer and composer of music. As a financially independent male householder, Sancho became eligible to vote and did so in 1774. He was the first person of African descent to vote in a British general election. Ignatius used this new-found fame to write letters to newspapers, pleading with them to fight for the abolishment of slavery, making him a key advocate for the end of the slave trade and equality for all.



Attribution: British Library (1768) Collection Items: Portrait of Ignatius Sancho by Thomas Gainsborough, 1768 [Online]: <https://www.bl.uk/collection-items/portrait-of-ignatius-sancho-by-thomas-gainsborough-1768>

Pathfinders - The Wordsmith

What?

What did Ignatius Sancho write?

- Poetry
- Two stage plays
- Three collections of songs
- Minuets
- A Theory of Music dedicated to the Princess of that time



Vocabulary

Abolition: The action of getting rid of or to put an end to something

Advocate: A person who publicly supports or recommends a particular cause or policy

Butler: The chief male server of a house

Composer: A person who writes music

Election: An organised vote for a person for a political office or other position

Minuet: A piece of music written for a slow, stately ballroom dance

Persuade: To convince someone, with words and/or actions, to believe or do something

Slave: A person who is forced to work very hard without proper appreciation, often treated very badly and without respect

Solidarity: To show unity or agreement of feelings / actions with another person

Valet: A male person who is responsible for looking after an important man's clothes and appearance

Widow: A woman who has lost her husband because he has died

Knowledge and Understanding

- To know and be able to retell the life story of Ignatius Sancho
- To know what Ignatius Sancho was famous for
- To understand the contribution Ignatius Sancho made to cross-cultural relationships
- To understand what makes Ignatius Sancho an inspirational historical figure
- To understand the importance of community, courage and commitment

