



# Olaudah Equiano

Text Book

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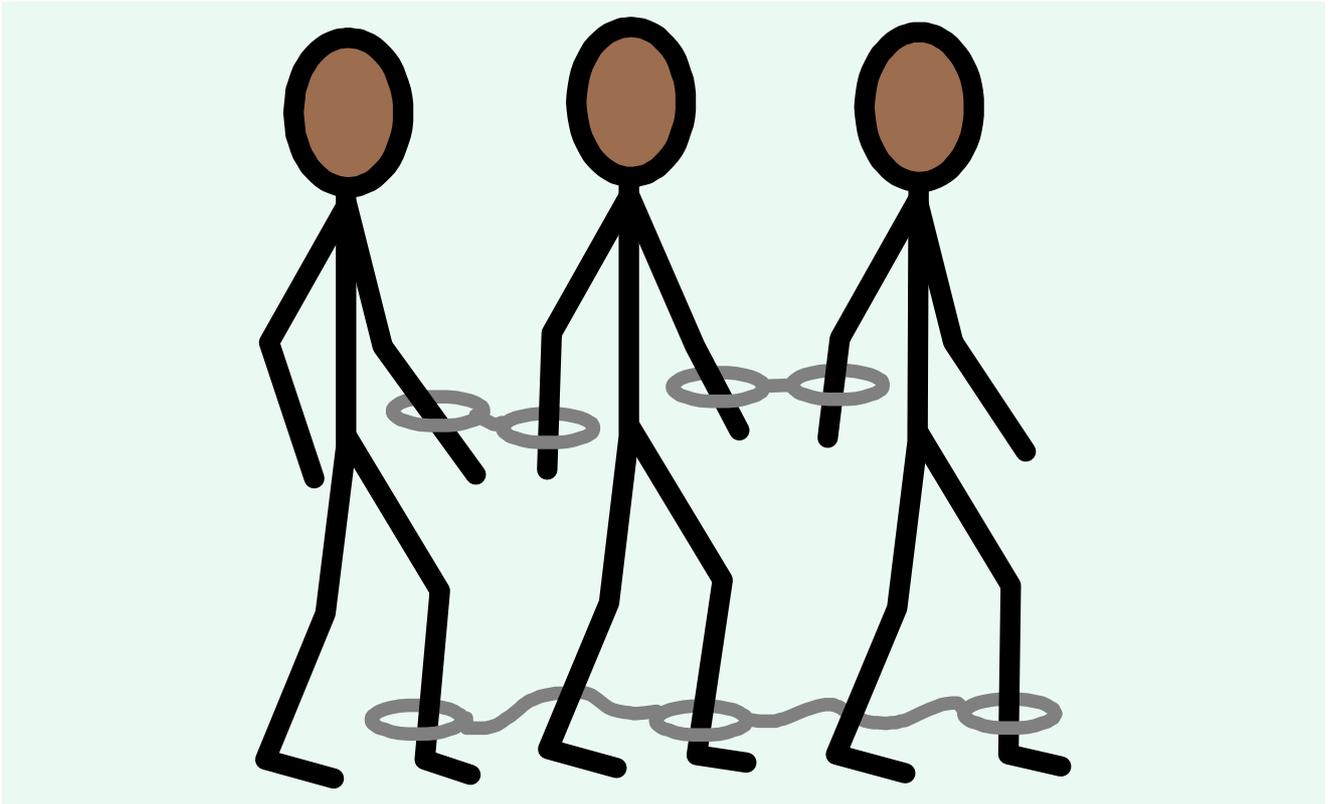


Olaudah Equiano was born in West Africa in 1745.

As a young child he lived with his family in Africa.

Olaudah and his sister were kidnapped when he was 11.

They were separated and sold to slave traders.

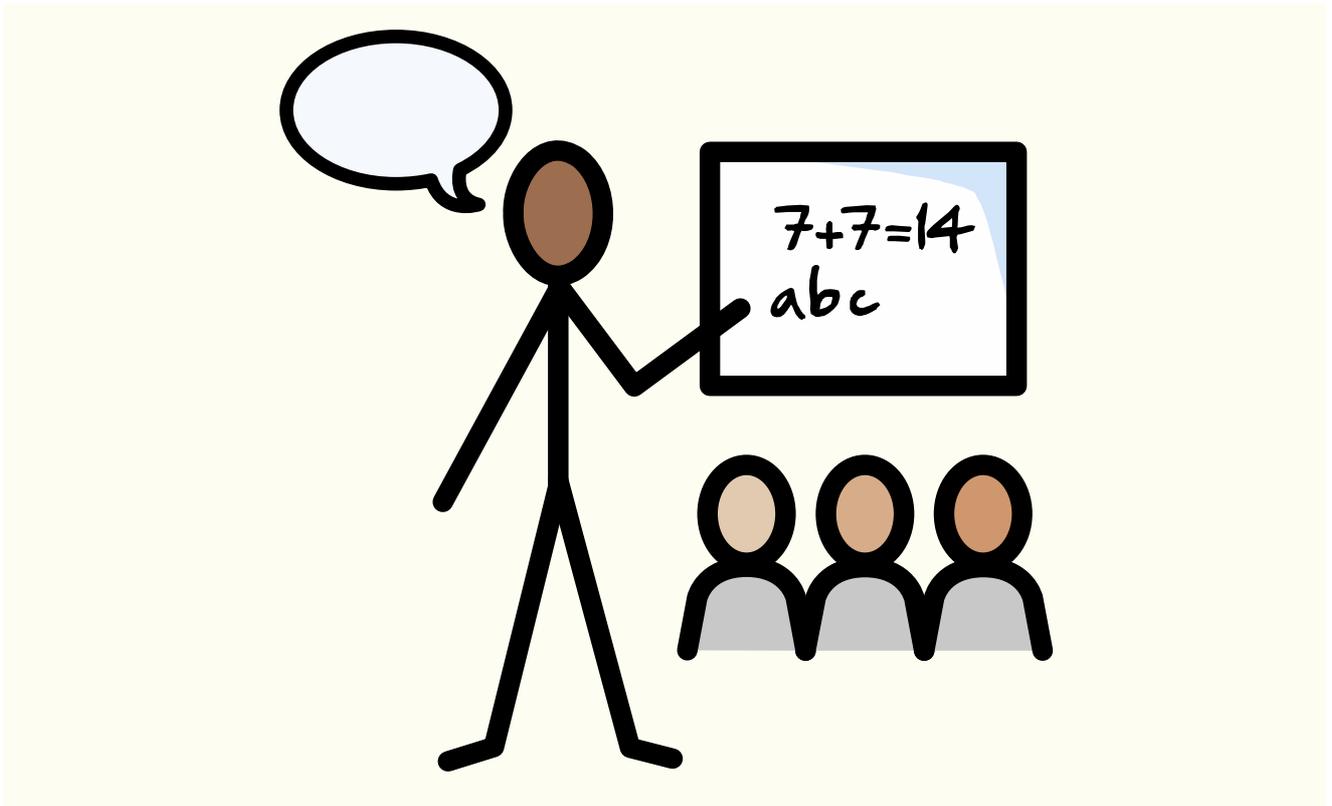


Olaudah was sold to European slave traders.

He was shipped across the Atlantic to Barbados.

Olaudah was sold again in the colony of Virginia.

He was bought by a Lieutenant in the Royal Navy.



Olaudah was taken to England by his new master.

He learnt sailing and fought in the 7 years' war.

Olaudah saw many battles and sieges.

Afterwards he was sent to England to be educated.

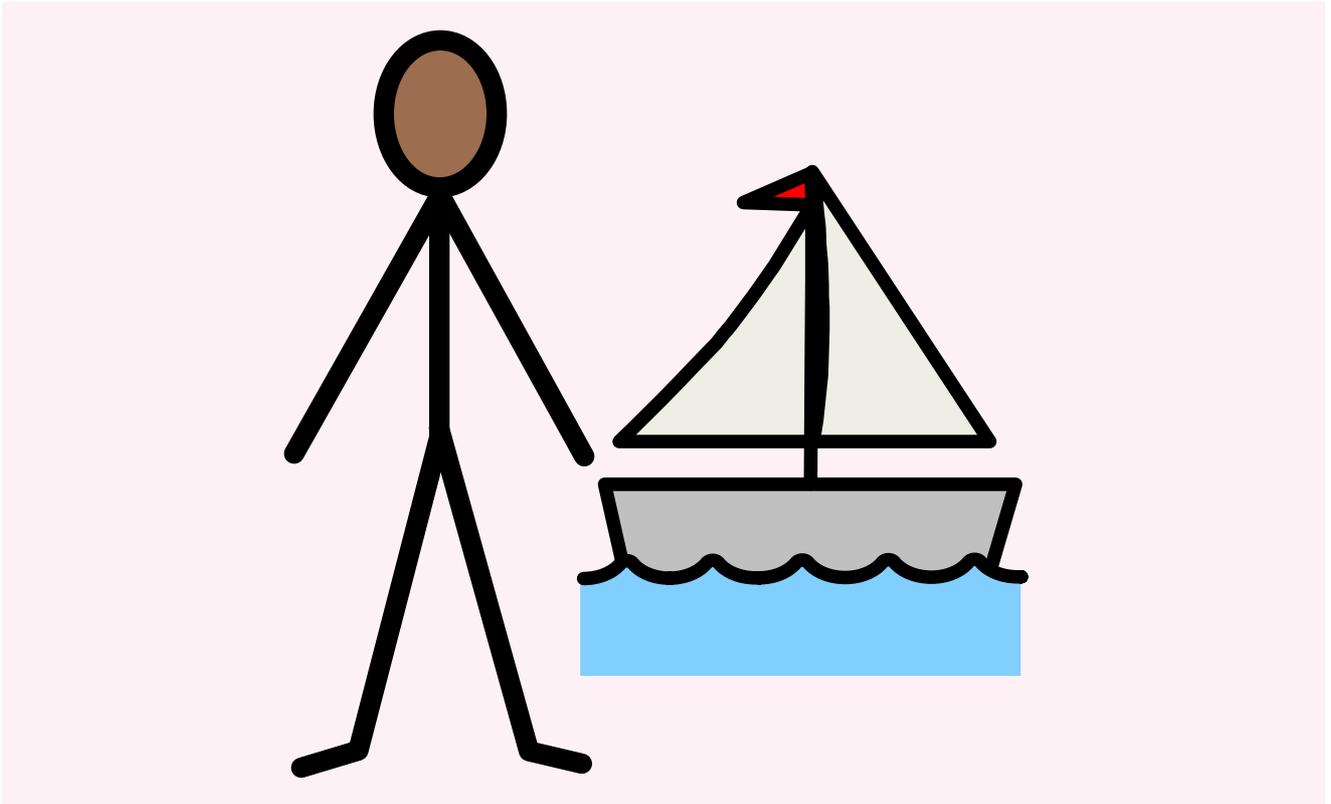


In 1762 Olaudah was sold in the Caribbean.

His new master also helped his education.

Olaudah saved enough money to buy his freedom.

He bought his freedom and moved to England.



Olaudah continued to work as a seaman.

In 1773 he explored the Arctic with the Royal Navy.

He picked slaves for a plantation in Central America.

Olaudah finally moved to London in 1777.



Olaudah became involved in the abolitionist movement.

He became friends with many important abolitionists.

Olaudah was encouraged to publish his life story.

His autobiography was popular and very influential.

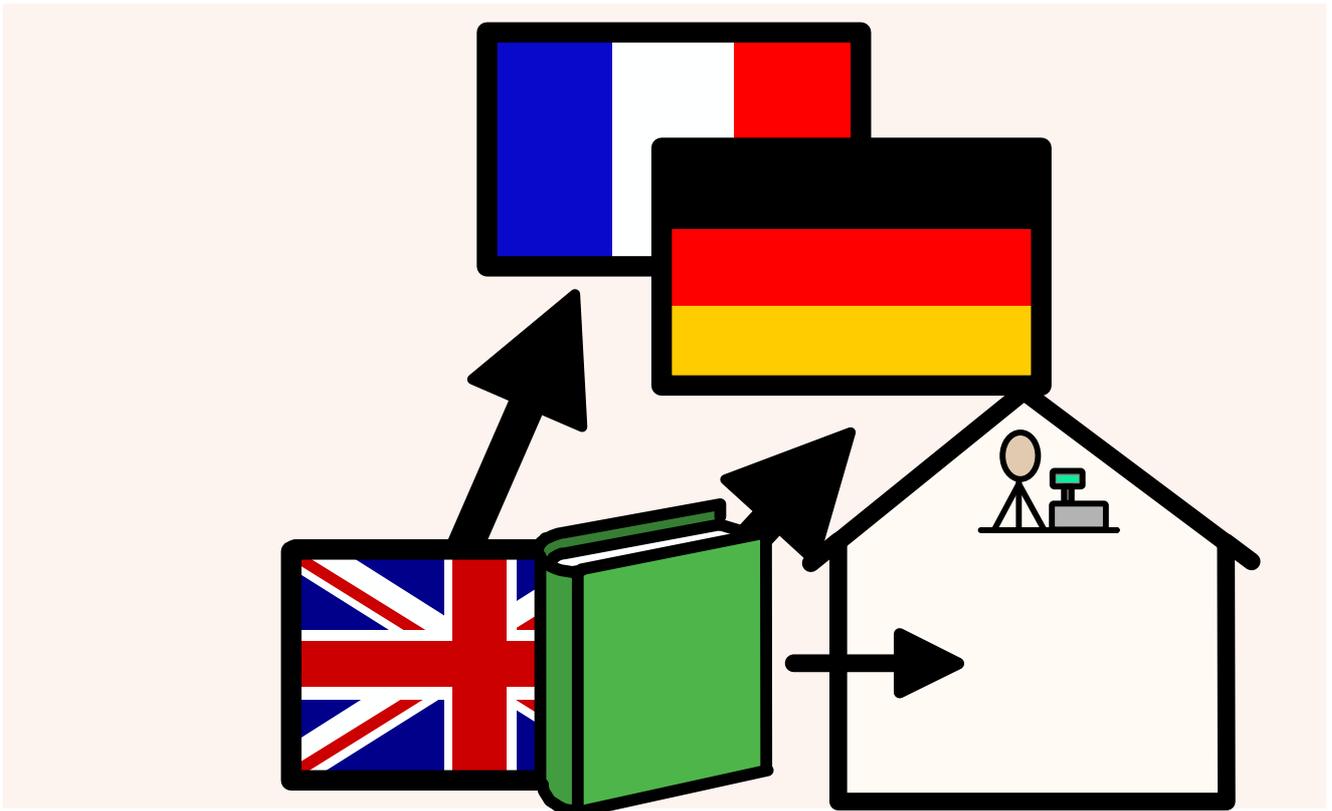


Olaudah helped found The Sons of Africa.

Its members were ex African slaves living in London.

They petitioned parliament, wrote and gave lectures.

The Sons of Africa worked to abolish slavery.



Olaudah married and had 2 daughters.

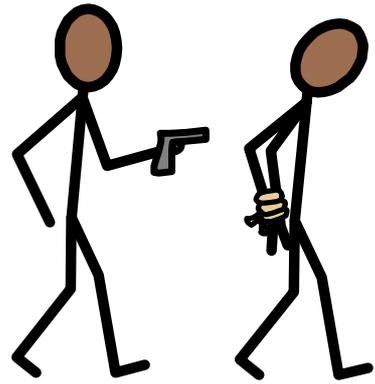
He died in 1797.

His autobiography was translated to other languages.

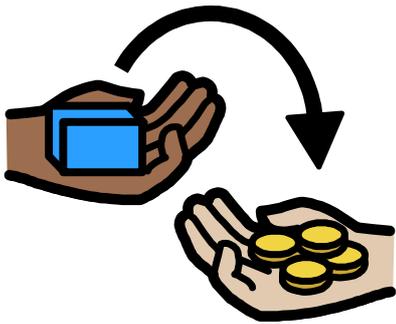
It was published many times and is still read today.



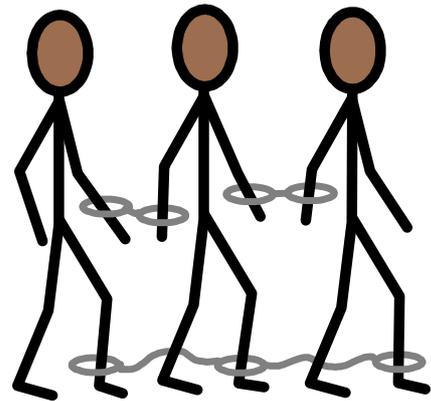
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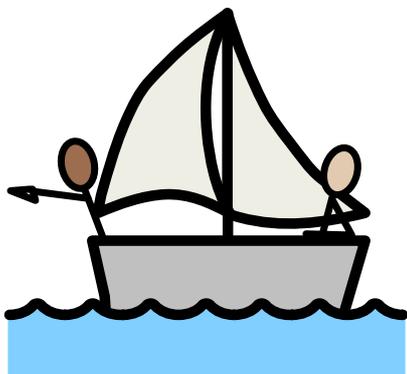
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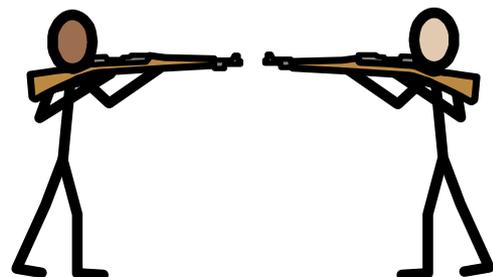
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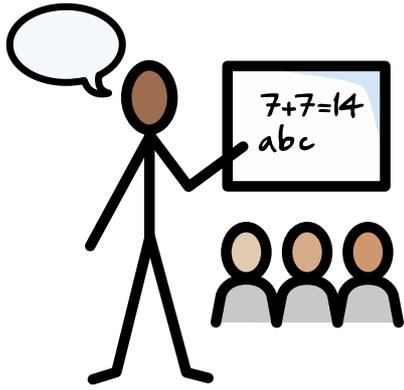
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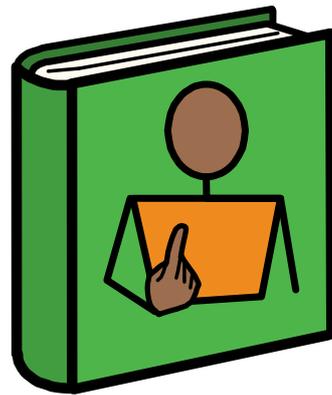
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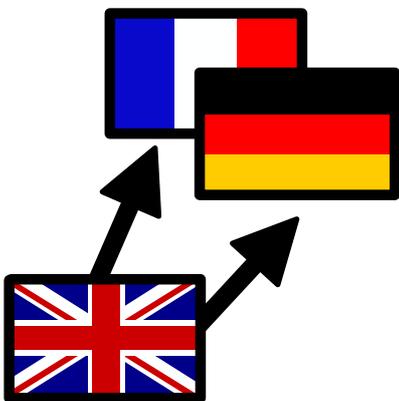
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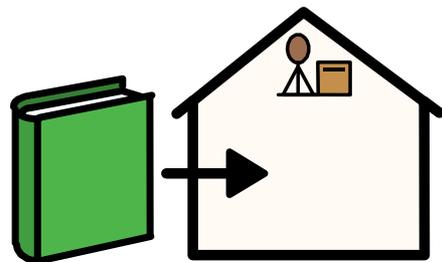
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