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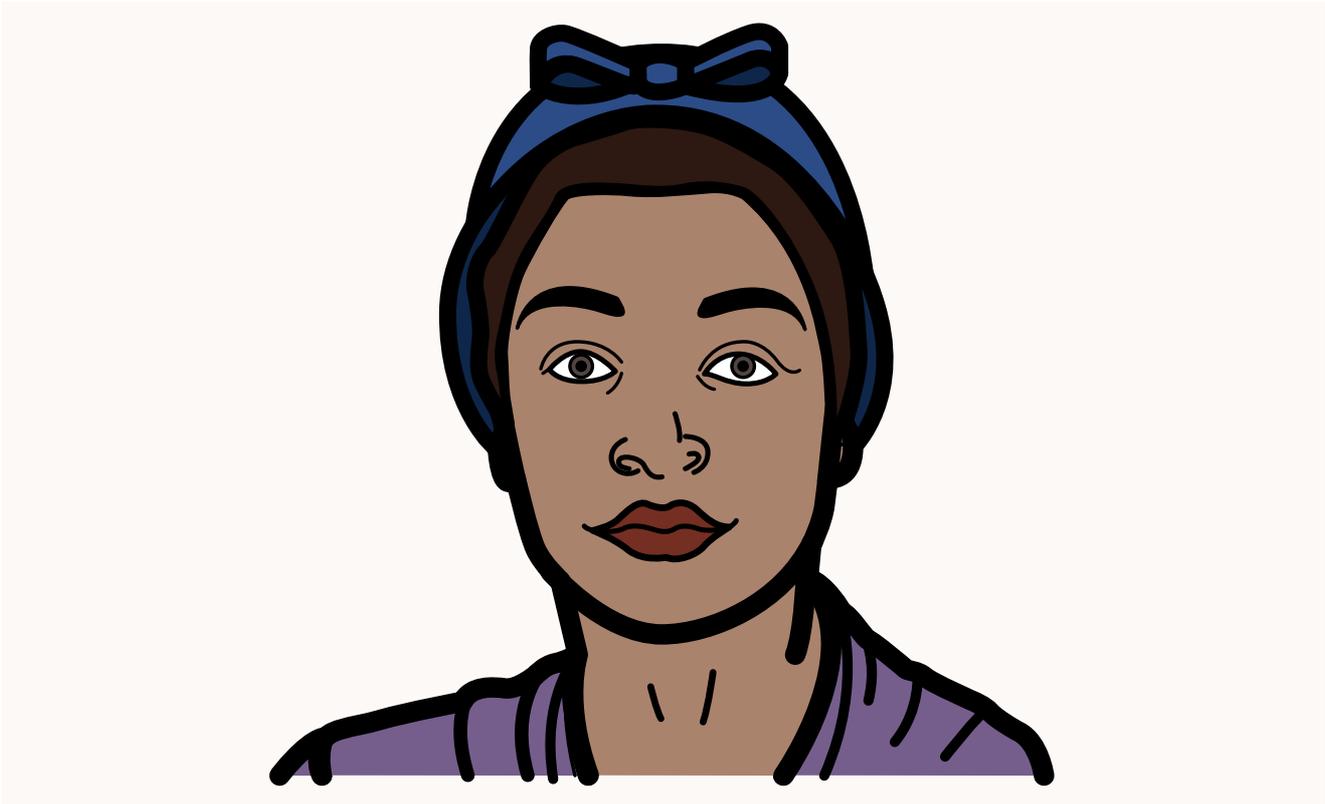
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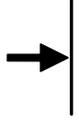
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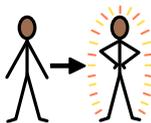
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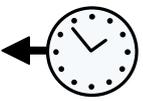
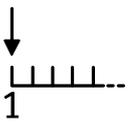
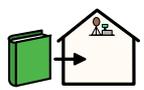
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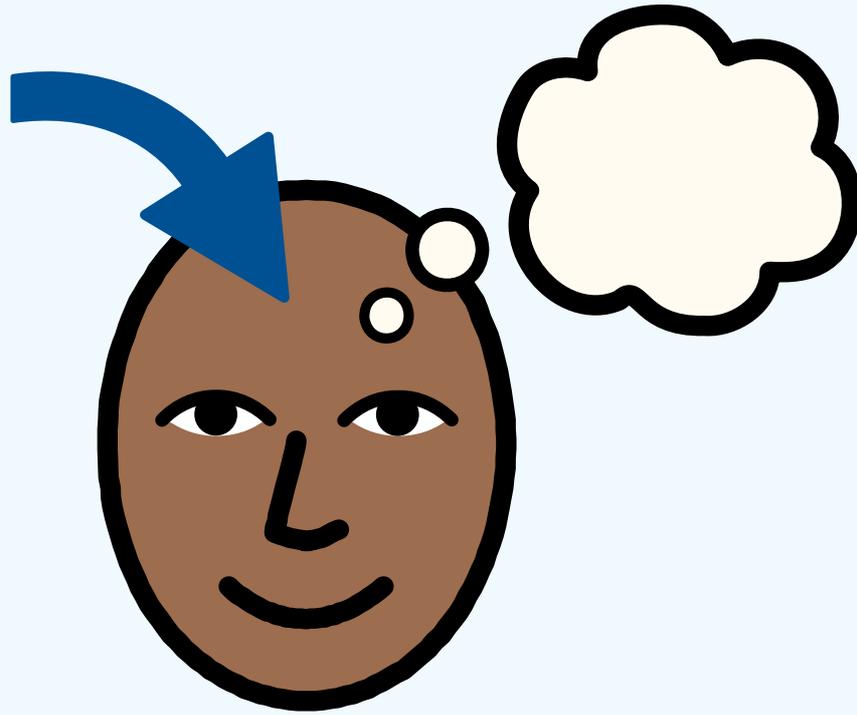


 was born in   West Africa  1753.

As a  child  she was  enslaved and  taken  to  America.

 was  later  to become a  poet.

 She was  the  first  African-American to be  published.



Phillis



was bought

=



a slave

by the



Wheatley family.



They



lived

in



Boston

and were



very



rich.



Their



daughter



Mary



taught



Phillis

to



read



and write.



Phillis



learnt

to



read



English,

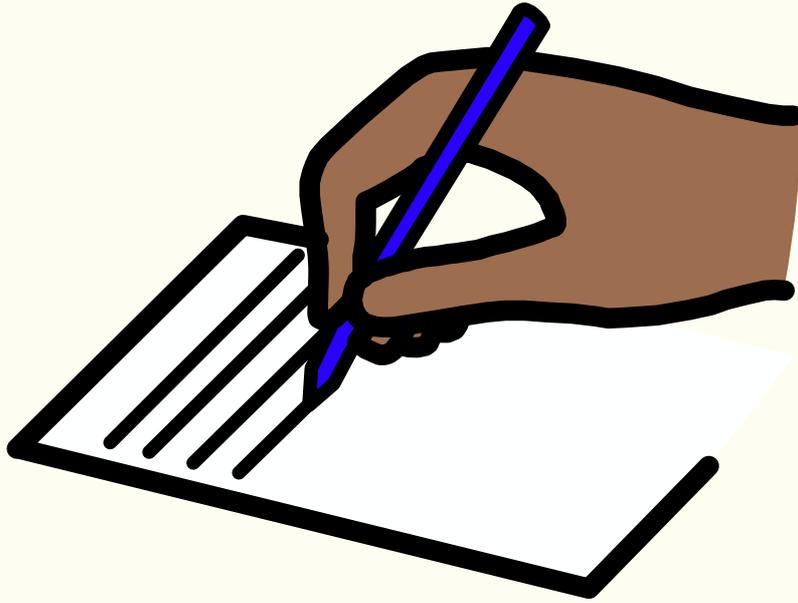


Greek

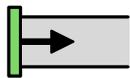
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Phillis



started



writing



poetry



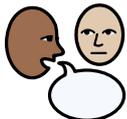
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14.



The Wheatley's



said



she



didn't have

to be a



servant.



They

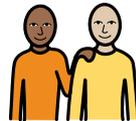


introduced



Phillis

to their



friends

and



family.



They



encouraged



Phillis

to



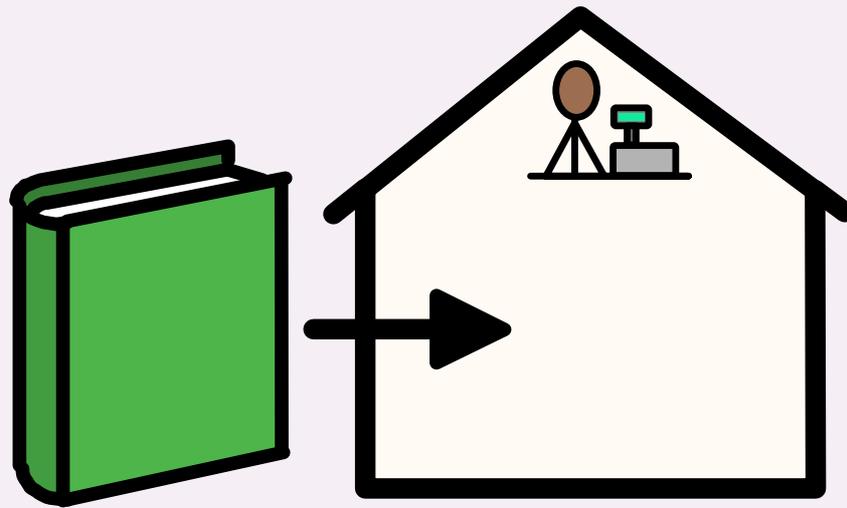
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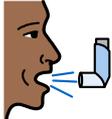
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poems.

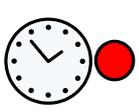


1773      
In 1773 Phillis went to London.

      
She had asthma and went to get better.

       
Phillis wanted her poetry to be made into a book.

        
A rich countess paid for her poetry to be published.



After

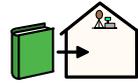


her



book

was



published



Phillis

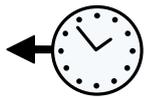
was



freed.



She



was

a



slave



no



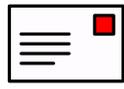
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Phillis



wrote



letters

to



important



people.

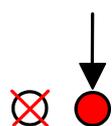


She



asked

for



other

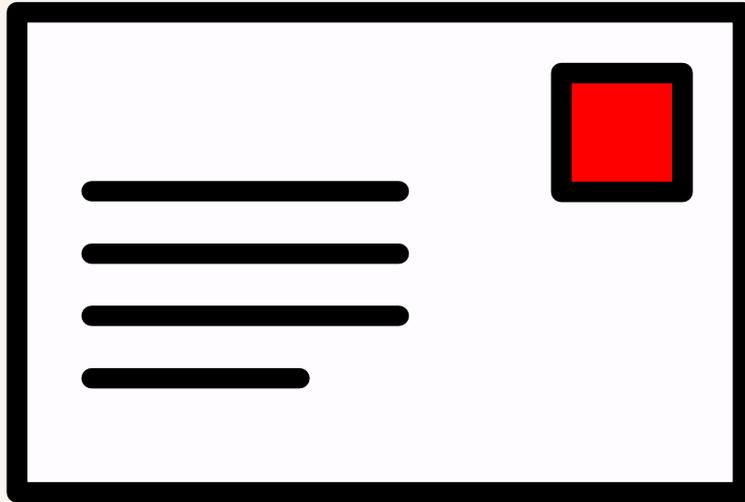


slaves

to be



freed.



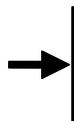
Phillis



sent



a poem



to



George Washington.



The poem

was



about

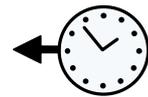
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great



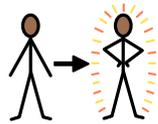
Washington



was.

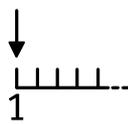


Washington



became

the



first



president

of the



USA.

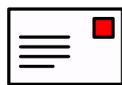


He



wrote

a



letter

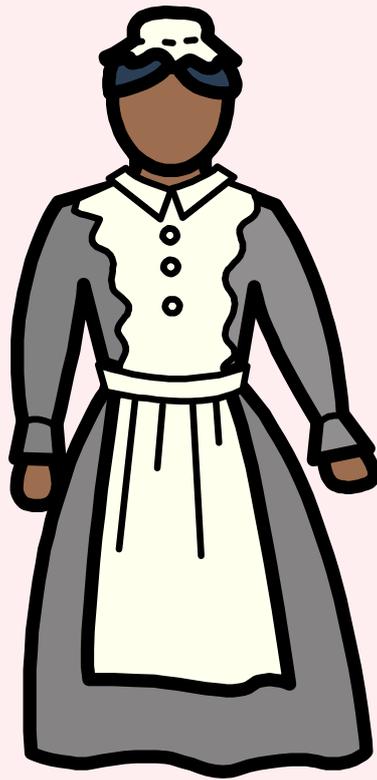
to



Phillis



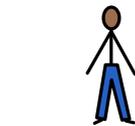
thanking her.



Phillis



married



a man



called



John Peters.



John

was



very



poor

and was



sent

to



prison.



Phillis



worked

as a



maid

but



became



ill.



She

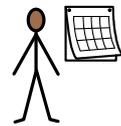


died



when

she was



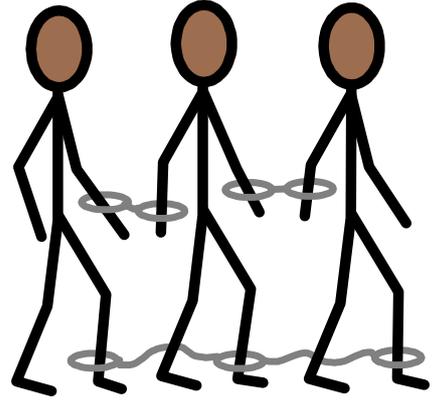
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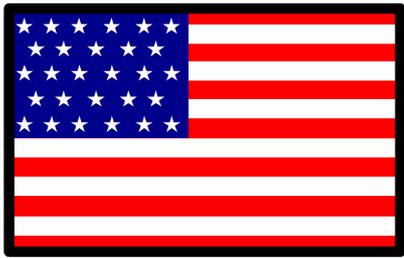
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Phillis Wheatley



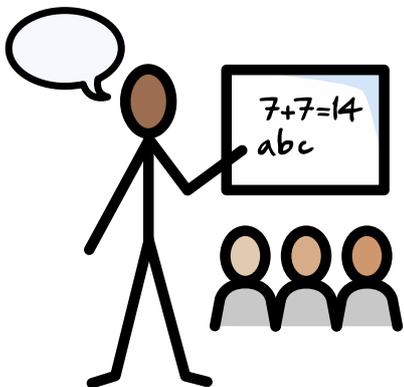
enslaved



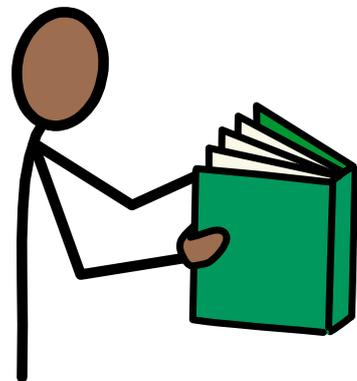
America



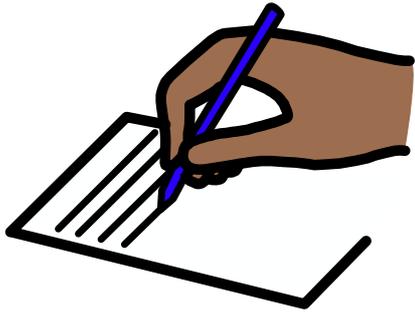
West Africa



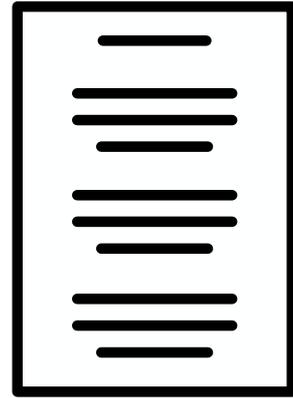
taught



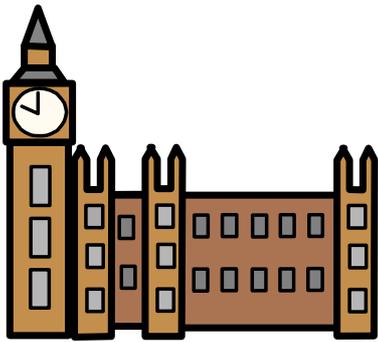
read



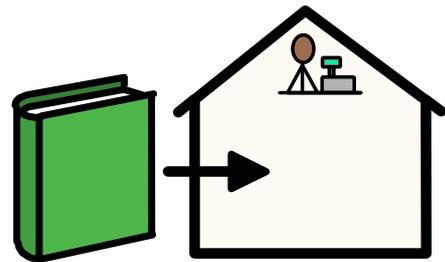
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poetry



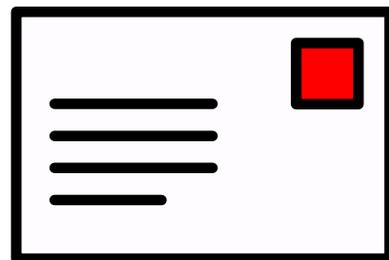
London



published



freed



letter