The History of John Blanke
Royal trumpet for Henry VII and Henry VIII.
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!
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?
Imagine that you are a trumpeter about to put on a concert for your class.

Design your own hanging scroll which represents your life and culture.

E.G. Important things to you, your hobbies, favorite colours, flags...

Recommended independent research: The history of Royal Arms Designs
Trumpet