

Knowledge Organiser for Year 1 and 2

Topic: People of the Past-Famous Nurses

Key questions:

- Can you recount the life of someone famous who lived in the past – Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell?
- Can explain how these people have helped us to have better lives?
- Can you answer questions using books and the internet?
- Can you research the life of a famous person from the past using different sources of evidence?

Key facts:



Florence Nightingale

Florence Nightingale (1820-1910) was a nurse who was sent to a military hospital in Scutari during the Crimean War. Appalled by the terrible conditions, Florence set about improving both the environment and the care that the soldiers' received. Her devotion and concern for their welfare won her much acclaim – she became fondly known as the 'Lady with the Lamp'. When she returned to England, Florence continued to campaign for better standards in hospital care and set up the first training schools for nurses. She was awarded a Red Cross medal by Queen Victoria.



Mary Seacole

Mary Seacole, a woman of mixed race, wanted to go to Crimea as a nurse but was not chosen. She went anyway, using her own money to pay for her journey and set up a hotel known as the 'British Hotel', only 2 miles away from the war. Mary was in agreement with Florence Nightingale, that the soldiers were not getting the care they needed and so decided to help look after the wounded and sick. Helping the soldiers cost so much money that Mary was very poor when the war ended. To pay her debts, she wrote a book called 'The Wonderful Adventures of Mrs Seacole in Many Lands'. Soldiers wrote about her, leading to fame and she was awarded a Crimean medal.



Edith Cavell

Edith Cavell (1865-1915) was a British nurse who is remembered for helping injured soldiers of all nationalities during World War One. She also helped soldiers to escape from German soldiers who were looking to capture and imprison them. She was arrested for this and the Germans ordered Edith to be killed as punishment. Edith is still remembered today for her courage and compassion.

Did you know?

- Florence Nightingale was born in Florence in Italy, the place where she got her name.
- Soldiers liked Mary Seacole so much that they called her 'Mother Seacole'.
- There are statues and memorials remembering Edith Cavell in England, France, Australia, Belgium and the United States of America. In 1916, a mountain in Canada was renamed to Mt Edith Cavell, to commemorate her.
- Queen Victoria was Queen of England for 63 years and a long period of history is named after her – the Victorian Age.

Key People / Vocabulary

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Florence Nightingale - Mary Seacole - Edith Cavell - Queen Victoria - famous - significant - past - evidence - Monarch - Empire | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - conditions - national / international - achievements - Scutari - Crimean War - Invasion - World War One - Red Cross - British Hotel |
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