

# Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole



#### Florence Nightingale 1820-1910

- She was born in 1820 in Italy.
- Her family moved to England when she was just a baby.
- She believed that God wanted her to spend her life looking after people so she became a nurse.
- When the Crimean War started Florence went to look after the soldiers who had been hurt.
- The soldiers called her 'The lady with the lamp' because she walked around the wards at night with a lantern.
- Florence spent her life trying to make hospitals better places for everybody.
- The Nightingale Fund was established for the training of nurses.
- Florence 'changed the world' by changing how sick people were cared for across Britain and the world.
- She was awarded the Royal Red Cross by Queen Victoria in 1883.

#### Mary Seacole 1805-1881

- Mary was born in Jamaica.
- Her father was a Scottish soldier and her mother was a Jamaican nurse and healer.
- When she was 12, she helped her mother run a boarding house in Kingston for sick and injured soldiers.
- In 1836, Mary married Edwin Seacole.
- On hearing news of British soldiers going off to Russia to fight in the Crimean War she wanted to help.
- In 1866 she set off to the Crimea on a ship stocked with medical supplies.
- She opened a "British Hotel" near to the battlefields. It was a place where soldiers could rest and buy hot food, drinks and equipment.
- Mary used the money spent there to help treat and care for sick and wounded soldiers.
- She received a number of medals for her bravery from governments in different countries.
- Mary so was caring, she became known amongst the soldiers as "Mother Seacole".

## Key Words

Campare	To describe the similarities or differences	
Significant	Important and worth knowing about.	
Nurse	A person who works in a hospital and helps to care for them.	
Impact	A big effect.	
Saldier	A person who protects the country and can fights foe them.	
Crimean War	(1853 - 1856) A war between Russia on one side and Britain, France, the Ottoman Empire (Turkey) on the other.	
Infection	An illness caused by spreading germs.	
Patient	A person who is ill in hospital.	

Queen Victoria born	Crimean War 5th October	Queen Victoria dies
24th May 1819	1853– 30th March 1856	22nd January 1901
Mary Seacole born Florence Nightin	gale born Mary Seacole dies	Florence Nightingale dies
23rd November 1805 12th May 1820	14th May 1881	13th August 1910





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