



Mary Seacole

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Born: 1805

Died: 1881

Mary Seacole was a nurse who lived in the Victorian Era. Her life was very similar to Florence Nightingale's, but also very different.

This term we will be comparing their lives and looking at the reasons why the two women were treated differently.

What I already know:

The Victorian era was around 150 years ago (1837-1901).

Women usually became housewives in this era instead of getting a job.

A nurse is someone who looks after sick people.

Florence Nightingale lived around the same time (1820-1910).

The Crimean War was a big war in Turkey.

Florence Nightingale became famous through looking after soldiers in the Crimean War.

Florence Nightingale was given the Royal Red Cross for her work in the Crimean War.

At the end of this unit I should be able to answer the following questions...

What did Mary Seacole do?

How was she similar to Florence Nightingale?

How was she different?

Why did people treat her differently?

Was it fair that she was treated differently?
Why/why not?

How would you have treated her?

Key words:

Creole: Someone from the Caribbean who has one African-American parent and one White European parent.

Differences: Things are not the same.

Equality: When people are given the same opportunities and treatment.

Medicine: Something that is given to a person to make them better.

Racism: When people are not given the same opportunities and treatment because of the colour of their skin or the country they are from.

Similarities: Things that are the same.

UK (Where Florence Nightingale lived)



Jamaica

(Where Mary Seacole grew up)