

What we already know:

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

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.

Year 1 History: Mary Seacole



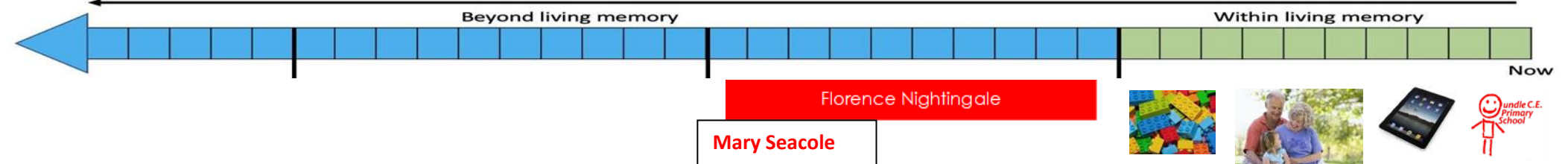
What's next?

Contrast the life of rich Victorians (Florence Nightingale) with poor Victorians (Mary Anning's family) – understand that many more people tend to be poor rather than rich, particularly in the past.

Poor people were often treated unfairly but couldn't do anything about it.

Timeline-

Further into the past



Story of Britain

Mary Seacole was famous for nursing around the same time as Florence Nightingale.



She was born in Jamaica (both English speaking, different skin colours).



Mary cared for soldiers, provided them with food and treated them with her herbal remedies. She became known as 'Mother Seacole'.

Society and Government

Mary Seacole had to pay for her own ticket to Crimea because she was black.



Mary heard about the war and wanted to sign up. She heard there was a shortage of nurses – went to sign up but was told she wasn't needed.

She knew she was rejected because of the colour of her skin.



Economy and Trade

Jamaica was part of the British Empire (1797-1962).



The British Government would not take her on as a hospital nurse there – some say they rejected her because of her colour.

Others report that she applied too late – after the nurses had already set off to Crimea. In any case Mary Seacole refused to take 'no' for an answer.



Beliefs



Vocab

Tier One

Battles	Jamaica
Nurse	War
Wounded	

Tier Two

Crimean war - a war between Russia and Britain/France/Turkey

Equality: each individual or group of people is given the same resources or opportunities.

Tier Three

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