



Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale were both nurses who travelled to and served soldiers during the Crimean War.

The soldiers called Florence 'The lady with the lamp' because she walked around the wards at night with a lantern.



Mary was so caring she became known amongst the soldiers as 'Mother Seacole'.

Key Vocabulary

Battles/ battlefield	A fight for control during a war. The battlefield is where the battle takes place.
British Hotel	A hut made of metal sheets, where soldiers could rest and buy hot food, drinks and equipment
cholera	A disease that affects the digestive system
Crimea	A small part of Ukraine that is controlled by Russia
Crimean War	A war between Russia and Britain/France/Turkey
Jamaica	A small island in the Caribbean Sea, off the coast of North America
London	The capital city of London
medicine 	Something that is given to people who are poorly or wounded as a form of treatment or remedy
nursing	The practice of caring for sick or wounded people
remedy	A medicine or treatment
Soldier 	A person who fights as part of an army
treatment	A remedy or medicine
wounded	Somebody who has been injured

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Important facts

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 1866, she set off to the Crimea on a ship stocked with medical supplies.
- She opened a "British Hotel" near the battlefields.
- 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.

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 soldiers who had been hurt.
- Florence spent her life trying to make hospitals. The Nightingale Fund was established for training nurses.
- Florence 'changed the world' by changing how sick people were cared for across Britain and the World.

Timeline

