Celebrating Remarkable People: A History Discovery

Learning objective: To learn about significant individuals in history and develop reading comprehension skills.

Read the passage below about Mary Seacole. Then, answer the questions to show what you have learned.

Mary Seacole was a wonderful woman born in Jamaica. She learned how to use plants and herbs to make medicine from her mother. When she heard about soldiers who were hurt far away in a war, she wanted to help. She travelled a very long way to a place called the Crimea. Mary built her own place to stay, which she called the 'British Hotel'. She did not just give the soldiers food and a warm place to sleep; she also used her skills to nurse them back to health. Mary was known for her great kindness and her bravery. People remember her today as a hero who looked after others when they needed it most.

Word bank: kindness · nursing · hospital · medicine · journey · bravery

1. Where was Mary Seacole born? (1 mark)

2. Who taught Mary how to make medicine? (1 mark)

3. What was the name of the place Mary built for the soldiers? (1 mark)

4. Why did Mary decide to travel to the Crimea? (2 marks)

5. Find and copy two adjectives from the text used to describe Mary. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Mary Seacole helping a soldier at her 'British Hotel'. Think about what she might be carrying to help them feel better.

Extension challenge: Ellie the elephant has a great memory! Write three sentences about someone you think is a hero in your own life and explain why they are kind.