History Heroes: Mary Seacole’s Journey

Learning objective: To learn about the life and significant contributions of Mary Seacole, a significant historical figure who helped others.

Ellie the Elephant is helping us learn about history! Mary Seacole was a brave nurse who travelled a long way to help soldiers. Look at the word bank below. Choose the correct word to finish each sentence about Mary’s life so the story makes sense.

Word bank: Jamaica · nurse · medicine · kindness · soldiers

1. 1. Mary Seacole was born on the beautiful island of _____. (1 mark)

2. 2. She worked as a _____ and wanted to help people who were hurt. (1 mark)

3. 3. Mary used her special knowledge of _____ to help people feel better. (1 mark)

4. 4. She travelled a long way to look after the _____ who were far from home. (1 mark)

5. 5. Everyone remembered Mary for her bravery and her great _____ to others. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Mary Seacole helping someone. Think about how she used her bag of medicine and her warm smile to show she cared.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in history. Write one sentence about why Mary Seacole is a hero. If you could give her a medal for being brave, what would you draw on the front of it?