

Heroes of History: Mary Seacole

Learning objective: To learn about the life and work of Mary Seacole and why she is remembered today.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you write your answers. Follow the sentence starters to help you finish your sentences.

Mary Seacole was born in Jamaica in 1805. She learned how to use plants to make medicine from her mother. In 1854, she travelled a long way to help soldiers during the Crimean War. She set up the 'British Hotel' to give soldiers food, a place to sleep, and care. She worked hard to look after people in need.

Word bank: Jamaica · nurse · Crimean War · medicine · kindness · hero

1. Where was Mary Seacole born? Sentence starter: Mary Seacole was born in... (1 mark)

2. What was Mary Seacole's job? Sentence starter: Mary Seacole worked as a... (1 mark)

3. Why did Mary travel to the Crimean War? Sentence starter: She travelled there to... (2 marks)

4. How did Mary help the soldiers at her hotel? Sentence starter: She helped them by... (2 marks)

5. Why do we remember Mary Seacole today? Sentence starter: We remember her because she showed... (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Mary Seacole helping a soldier. Show her carrying a bag filled with medicine and supplies.



Extension challenge: Ellie the elephant has a great memory! Can you list three ways Mary Seacole showed she was a brave person?