

Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole

History

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Key Facts

Florence was born in 1820. She was born in a city called Florence, in Italy. Florence wanted to become a nurse in 1850 when she was 30 years old but her parents didn't want her to because nursing wasn't seen to be an important job. Florence wanted to improve this. When she became a nurse, she helped soldiers who had been in war. The hospitals weren't in very good condition. They were insanitary. Florence changed all this by making sure they were clean and that the soldiers had good food to help them get better saving many lives. She became known as the 'Lady with the Lamp'.

Mary was born in 1805 in Kingston, Jamaica. Her mother was a healer and helped sick people, which is why Mary wanted to become a nurse. In 1854, Mary heard about the good work Florence was doing with the soldiers and wanted to help too but she was told she couldn't because of her skin colour. This only made Mary more determined to help so she set up her own hospital and paid for herself to be able to go to the war zone. When she returned to Britain, she was homeless and not very well herself. Everybody was very grateful of her work so they tried to help her. She also received medals. Mary was so caring, she became known as 'Mother Seacole'.



Chronology

1805	Mary Seacole is born.
1820	Florence Nightingale is born.
1853	Florence becomes a nurse. Crimean War starts.
1854	Florence begins to nurse soldiers in the Crimean War.
1855	Mary Seacole pays for herself to travel to treat soldiers in the Crimean War.
1856	Crimean War ends. Mary returns to England.
1860	Florence sets up her nursing school.
1881	Mary Seacole dies.
1907	Florence receives the Order of Merit from Queen Victoria.
1910	Florence dies aged 90.

Vocabulary

monarch	Person who reigns over a kingdom or empire
founder	Someone who starts something
disease	Condition that causes harm to health
infection	An illness caused by spreading germs
Crimean War	The war in which Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole served as nurses
patient	A person who is unwell or injured and needs to be looked after
hygiene	Activities which help to maintain good health especially through cleanliness
health	Keeping your body working at its best
soldier	Someone who serves in the army

Useful links and sources

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/florence-nightingale/>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/florence-nightingale>

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Florence-Nightingale/400069>

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