

Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell Both were nurses who cared for the injured and sick. Mary Seacole in The Crimean War and Edith Cavell in World War I.

Key Information:

- Mary Seacole 1805-1881
- She was born in Jamaica and went to The Crimean War 1853-56.
- She helped injured soldiers .
- She was influenced by Florence Nightingale.
- She travelled the world caring for people and eventually wrote 'The Wonderful Adventures of Mary Seacole in Many Lands'
- Edith Cavell 1865-1915
- Edith was a nurse during WWI.
- She worked in Belgium and stayed there when it was overrun by the German army.
- She saved the lives of both Allied and German soldiers, but she also helped many British soldiers escape to safety.
- In 1915 she was sentenced to death by the German authorities for helping 'spies' escape.
- She was seen as a martyr.

How do we know? Evidence:

Written records, the court account of her trial, and artefacts tell us about nursing during these periods. There are letters that she wrote home.

Vocabulary

Jamaica	Caribbean island where Mary Seacole was born
Doctress	Mary used this term to describe herself. She had a vast knowledge of herbal and holistic medicine based on her Jamaican and African heritage
Prejudice	although greatly admired by all the wounded soldiers, she was often shunned because of her colour.
Bankrupt	without any money. A public subscription was raised for to help Mary when she became bankrupt
Firing squad	soldiers required to shoot people condemned to death
Propaganda	as means of harming Germany
Matron	a senior nurse. Edith was responsible for the education of many nurses in Belgium before the war
Norwich	a city where Edith is buried



National Curriculum:

the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. Some should be used to compare aspects of life in different periods (Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell)