

Knowledge Organiser – Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole – year 1

Key Facts

- They both lived in Victorian times
- Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole went to the Crimean War to nurse soldiers

Florence Nightingale

- Florence was born in Italy
- She trained as a nurse
- She helped improve hospitals which were very dirty and unhygienic
- She became known as the lady with the lamp as she looked after soldiers in the night.
- She met Queen Victoria

Mary Seacole

- Mary was born in Jamaica
- Her mother was a nurse and she helped her look after the sick
- She wanted to join Florence Nightingale but wasn't allowed
- She opened a British hotel where the soldiers could rest
- She became known as Mother Seacole as she risked her life on the battle field to nurse soldiers from both sides

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Victorian Times	The time between 1837-1901 when Queen Victoria was the queen of England
Crimean War	A war in Russia
injured	When you become hurt
soldiers	A person who fights in an army
disease	An illness
hygiene	Keeping things clean
nurse	A person who is trained to look after sick or injured people



I should already know:

How nurses help us

That life was different in the past

What life would be like for a soldier at war

This will help me in the future

Understand how hospitals changed
because of events in the past

Before Florence Nightingale
Hospitals were dirty, smelly and
dangerous



After Florence Nightingale– in
the past

Florence worked to make
hospitals safe and clean. They
got beds, clean bandages and
food



Now-Hospitals are very
different today, due to
Florence's work

