






Year 2 History: Famous Nurses Knowledge Organiser

Florence Nightingale	Mary Seacole
<p>Florence Nightingale was a famous British nurse who lived between 1820 and 1910. Her birthday is on May 12th and this is celebrated as 'International Nursing Day'.</p>  <p><u>Why is she such a significant person?</u> She helped to make hospitals cleaner, safer places and wrote books about how to be a good nurse. Lots of what we know today about how to keep hospitals clean is because of the hard work of Florence Nightingale. She found ways to stop many diseases and infections from spreading.</p> <p><u>What did she do during the Crimean War?</u> Florence Nightingale helped wounded soldiers during the Crimean War. She also made sure that hospitals were clean places for the soldiers to recover.</p> <p><u>Why is she known as 'the lady of the lamp?'</u></p>  <p>She became known as 'the lady of the lamp' because she worked all through the night to make sure that the soldiers were treated well and had water and clean blankets.</p>	<p>Mary Seacole was a heroine who travelled to many different countries helping soldiers in war.</p>  <p>She was born in Jamaica in 1805. Her mother was Jamaican but her father was a Scottish soldier so Mary was mixed race. She died in 1881.</p> <p><u>Why is she such a significant person?</u> Her mother ran a hotel, caring for wounded soldiers. Here, Mary learnt how to use plants as medicines.</p> <p>At this time there was a deadly disease called cholera in Jamaica and Mary cared for people who were sick.</p> <p><u>What did she do during the Crimean War?</u> During the Crimean War, Mary travelled to care for sick soldiers who were injured and dying from cholera. She set up a hotel on the battlefield to care for them.</p> <p><u>What was she known as?</u> Mary was nicknamed 'Mother Seacole' by the soldiers because of the way she cared for them during the war.</p>

Vocabulary	
significant	a person or event that is/was important
nurse	a person trained to care for the sick, often in a hospital
diseases	an illness which is caused by an infection rather than an accident
medicine	a substance used to treat an illness or injury
hygienic	clean and unlikely to cause diseases
wounded soldiers	a person who serves in an army who is injured
Royal Red Cross Medal	a medal awarded to army nurses for their amazing work 
Crimean War	a conflict between different countries including Britain, France and Russia

Chronology

