

# Remembering Mary Seacole

## National Curriculum Objectives:

**English Year 2:** Understand both the books that they can already read accurately and fluently and those that they listen to by making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done. [More resources with this objective.](#)

**History KS1:** The lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements - Mary Seacole. [More resources with this objective.](#)

## Differentiation:

**Section A** Complete the chart using information from the text.

**Section B** Tick the correct answer to complete quotes from the text.

**Section C** Decide whether statements from the text are true or false.

**Section D** Use the information in the text to explain why we should always remember Mary Seacole.

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**S: (Q9) Why do you think the information is split into small chunks of text?** To make it easier to read and more eye catching.

## WATCH

*We will be sharing a special film about the life of Mary Seacole. You won't want to miss it!*

## LISTEN

*Special guest speakers from the British Army and The London Nursing College will tell you all about Mary Seacole and her incredible work.*

**M: (Q14) What questions might you want to ask the guest speakers to find out more about Mary Seacole?** Personal response.

**S: (Q10) What adjective is used to describe Mary's work?** Incredible

## TRAVEL

*Learn about Mary's travels to Cuba, the Bahamas and England. Learn more about Jamaica, where Mary was from.*

**D: (Q8) What do you think you would enjoy most at this event?**

Personal response.

The History of Nursing Museum would like to invite you to a very special event.

**M: (Q13) Why do you think The History of Nursing Museum is hosting the event?** Mary Seacole was a famous nurse and is important to the history of nursing.

**D: (Q5) What type of text is this?** Invitation

Please join us at:

## The History of Nursing Museum in the Grand Hall

**D: (Q6) In what room will the event take place in the museum?** The Grand Hall

14<sup>th</sup> May  
12:30 – 3:30

**D: (Q7) How long is the event on for?** 3 hours

On the anniversary of Mary's death, we will remember all that she did for Britain.

**E: (Q1) Why is the event on the 14<sup>th</sup> May?** It is the anniversary of Mary's death.

In the Crimean War, Mary helped Britain's sick and injured soldiers. During these hard times, she gave out food and water along with clothes and blankets. She was called 'Mother Seacole' by the soldiers.

**E: (Q2) What is Mary Seacole remembered for?** She helped Britain's sick and injured soldiers in the Crimean War.

**S: (Q11) Why do you think the soldiers called Mary 'Mother Seacole'?** She looked after them and gave them food, water, clothing and blankets.

Mary was a very kind and caring woman and we hope to share our love for her with you.

**E: (Q3) Do you think Mary Seacole was a nice person? Why?** Personal response.

## EAT

*Try some stew and rice pudding, just like the food Mary served to the soldiers.*

## DONATE

*Help us to raise money for the British Army.*

**M: (Q16) Why do you think they are raising money for the British Army at the event?** Mary helped soldiers in the army when she was a nurse.

## VISIT

*Come and see our special exhibition while you are here. Learn all about The British Hotel that Mary opened to look after the soldiers. Take a look at the replica we have built to get a better idea of what it was like.*

**M: (Q15) What do you think the word 'replica' means?**  
An exact copy

## REMEMBER

*Take a look at the artwork, stories, news reports and poems about Mary. She was loved by many people as she was so caring and kind.*

**S: (Q12) Can you name three headings on the invitation?**

Watch, Listen, Travel, Eat, Donate, Visit, Remember

**E: (Q4) Would you like to go to this event? Why?**

Personal response.

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## Section A

1. Why is the event on the 14<sup>th</sup> May?

2. What is Mary Seacole remembered for?

3. Do you think Mary Seacole was a nice person? Why?

4. Would you like to go to this event? Why?

**Section B**

**5. What type of text is this?**

**6. In what room will the event take place in the museum?**

**7. How long is the event on for?**

**8. What do you think you would enjoy most at this event?**

Section C

9. Why do you think the information is split into small chunks of text?

10. What adjective is used to describe Mary’s work?

11. Why do you think the soldiers called Mary ‘Mother Seacole’?

12. Can you name three headings on the invitation?

Section D

13. Why do you think The History of Nursing Museum is hosting the event?

14. What questions might you want to ask the guest speakers to find out more about Mary Seacole?

15. What do you think the word ‘replica’ means?

16. Why do you think they are raising money for the British Army at the event?

## Remembering Mary Seacole – Challenge Activity

### Section A

Complete the chart using information from the text.

Mary Seacole	
Nickname	
Place of birth	
Job	
Name of her hotel	
Date of death	

### Section B

Tick the correct answer.

The 'Remembering Mary Seacole' event is being held by The History of Nursing...

College ☐ Museum ☐ Gallery ☐ Library ☐

The event begins at...

12:30 ☐ 1:30 ☐ 2:30 ☐ 3:30 ☐

Mary helped sick and injured British soldiers in the...

Cuban War ☐ English War ☐ Crimean War ☐ Jamaican War ☐

Mary gave the soldiers food and water, along with clothes and...

money ☐ jewels ☐ houses ☐ blankets ☐



Section C

Decide whether the following statements are true or false.

Statement	True	False
Mary travelled to different places around the world including Cuba, the Bahamas and England.		
The event takes place on the 24 <sup>th</sup> May.		
Mary made food such as stew and rice pudding for the soldiers.		
There will be a special film about Mary Seacole’s life at the event.		
People can make donations to the Crimean Army at the event.		
There will be a special guest speaker from the Jamaican Nursing College at the event.		

Section D

Use the information in the text to explain why we should always remember Mary Seacole.

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Place of birth	Jamaica
Job	Nurse
Name of her hotel	The British Hotel
Date of death	14 <sup>th</sup> May

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There will be a special guest speaker from the Jamaican Nursing College at the event.		✓

### Section D

Use the information in the text to explain why we should always remember Mary Seacole. **The following is an example only.**

Mary Seacole was a very caring and kind person. She helped sick and injured soldiers during the Crimean War by giving them food and water, clothes and blankets and caring for them. She even opened The British Hotel to look after those in need. She achieved so much and did some incredible work and we should never forget how much she helped Britain during those difficult times. She was a remarkable lady and deserves to be remembered for her selfless acts.

## Whole Class Guided Reading – Teaching Guide

- The text is for the children to read. Give each pair a copy of the text (without questions) to read individually or as a whole class. This text has been aimed at Year 2 (Wales)/Primary 3 (Scotland)/Grade 1 (Australia).
- The teacher should use the teacher version. It shows you where to pause after each section and provides questions for you to ask. The colours refer to our levels so that you can direct specific questions at specific students in terms of difficulty (their version does not have these colours to show them which is which). The questions are also numbered in the order they appear on the comprehension sheet.
  - Beginner – (Red)
  - Easy – (Blue)
  - Tricky – (Orange)
  - Expert – (Green)
- The children can record their answers to the questions at the end of the shared read/discussion or in a different session by using the comprehension sheet. The questions have been re-grouped into abilities so that you can assign sections to specific children.
  - Section A – Beginner
  - Section B – Easy
  - Section C – Tricky
  - Section D – Expert