

History: Significant Individuals - Mary Seacole and Queen Victoria

Year 1 Spring 2

Dates

- 1805 – Mary Seacole is born.
- 1819 – Queen Victoria is born.
- 1837– Victoria becomes Queen of England.
- 1855– Mary Seacole starts to nurse people in The Crimean War at The British Hotel.
- 1901– Queen Victoria passes away and The Victorian era ends.



Key Facts and Significant Figures

Queen Victoria	Victoria was Queen from 20 June 1837 until her death in 1901. Her reign of 63 years and 216 days was longer than that of any previous British monarch and is known as the Victorian era.
Mary Seacole	Mary Jane Seacole was a British-Jamaican nurse and businesswoman who set up the "British Hotel" in a warzone during the Crimean War. She lived in the Victorian Era.

- Both of these women have statues made in their honour.
- There is a statue of Queen Victoria in Endcliffe Park in Sheffield.

Key Vocabulary

Past	The period of time that happened before now.
Old	A word to describe something that has existed for a long time.
Monarch	A king or queen of a country.
Reign	The length of time that a king or queen is the monarch of a country.
Century	One hundred years. For example, 1800-1899
Empire	When one country controls another country in a different part of the world.

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Enquiry Questions

1. What does significant mean?
2. How did Queen Victoria change England?
3. Why was Queen Victoria a successful Queen?
4. Why is Mary Seacole remembered today?

Historical Skills

Develop an awareness of the past using relevant vocabulary to the passing of time.
 Appreciate that some famous people have helped our lives be better today.
 Recognise what an empire is.
 Understand that we have a monarch who rules us and that Britain has had a monarch for many years.
 Find out more about a famous person from the past.

Why don't you...

1. Find out what clothes people wore in Victorian times?
2. Find out if your adults know any nurses and ask them what their job is like today?
3. Draw a picture of Mary Seacole or Queen Victoria? What are their clothes like?

Historical Concepts

Significance – In Y1, children will learn that some people are historically significant because they did important or memorable things in the past.

Empire - The children will begin to understand what the word empire means and will understand that Britain once had a large empire with control over other countries.