



# Mary Seacole

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Watch Here: <https://youtu.be/t1IR-GcRiek>



Watch the dead famous come to life in this animated history show based on the popular "Corpse Talk" graphic novel series by Adam and Lisa Murphy.

In this episode, Adam's guest is the remarkable nurse and businesswoman, Mary Seacole. Mary grew up in her mother's hotel in Jamaica and became interested in nursing at a young age. She later used both her business and nursing skills on the battlefields of the Crimean War. It was an extraordinary life!



## Dig up the Past

When you've watched the episode, can you answer these questions?

Who did Mary learn her nursing skills from?

How old was Mary when she first visited England?

What did Mary do when she was in the Crimea?



## Fun Fact

Mary was so caring towards the soldiers she nursed, they gave her the nickname 'Mother Seacole'!



## Dead Quick Challenge

Can you think of six items Mary might have carried in her suitcase when she travelled to the Crimea?



## Deadly Dates

Mary was born in Kingston, Jamaica in 1805.

In 1855 she travelled to the Crimea.

Mary died in London in 1881.



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## Write a chapter of Mary's autobiography

Put yourself in Mary's shoes and write a chapter of your autobiography.

Which period of time will you write about?

Perhaps your childhood in Blundell Hall, your first trip to England or your time in the Crimea? Describe what happened during this time thinking particularly about what you could see, smell, hear and touch and how you felt.

Use descriptive language to bring your experiences to life for your reader.



## Learn some First Aid Skills

Mary looked after many people who were sick or injured. It can be really useful to know some basic first aid skills so that you can look after yourself and others.

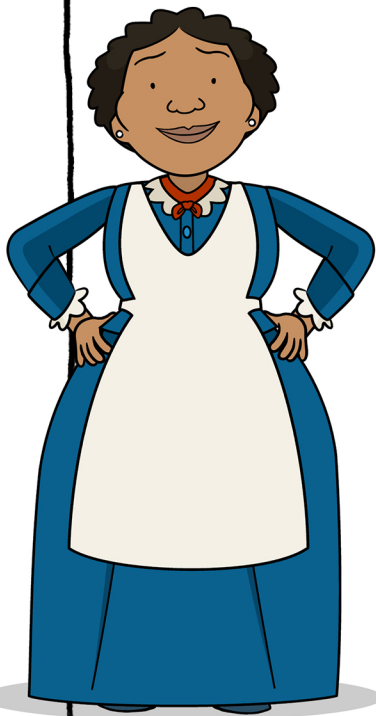
As a class, see if you can find out what you should do if somebody:

- Spills some hot water on themselves
- Falls over and cuts their knee
- Has a suspected broken bone

Remember, in an emergency, you should always call the emergency services. Do you know what number you can call to reach the emergency services? Discuss with your class.

If you need to call the emergency services, stay calm and tell the operator what has happened. They will ask you where you are.

If you are at home, you will need to give them your address. Do you know your address by heart? Practise memorising your address so that you can tell an operator where you are.



## Before You Go

Mary Seacole wrote her autobiography in 1857. She called it 'The Wonderful Adventures of Mrs Seacole in Many Lands'. What might your autobiography one day be called?

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