

# Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale



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Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale were nurses.  
They both nursed soldiers during the Crimean war.  
Here they both gained the respect of the British.  
People gave recognition to Florence more than  
Mary.



Florence was born to wealthy British parents.

They were rich, white and married.

Mary was of mixed race and was half Scottish.

There was slavery in Jamaica but Mary's mother was free.



Mary learnt her nursing skills from her mother.

Her mother was a traditional healer or "doctress".

Florence grew up wanting to be a nurse.

Her parents did not agree with her.



Florence studied hard to become a nurse.

She believed it was a message from God.

Mary learned nursing from her mother growing up.

She was educated, but she had no qualifications.



Florence was asked to come to the Crimea.

She had financial support and 38 nurses.

Mary volunteered to nurse but was rejected.

She went there anyway at her own expense.



Mary treated casualties on the front line.

She became known as "Mother Seacole".

Florence also gained huge respect from the British.

She became known as "The lady in Chief".





After the war Florence returned a heroine.

She set up a nursing school in London.

Mary returned bankrupt and in poor health.

A public fund was started for her.



By 1870 Mary had moved back to England.

She died at home in Paddington in 1881.

Florence changed nursing making it a profession.

She died aged 90 in 1910.







