

The Jamaican Healer

Comprehension

What happened in the story? **Mary Seacole was a Jamaican nurse that wanted to help the soldiers in the Crimean war. Her help was refused. She went to the frontline, set up a hotel and provided soldiers with food, water and healthcare for both sides.**

Who is telling the story? **Eleanor, a nurse from Britain.**

How do you think Mary Seacole felt when her help was refused? Find clues in the text to explain your answer. **Sad and angry. The text said she cried.**

Where did Mary learn all of her medical skills? **From her mother who was a Jamaican medic.**

What was Mary's nickname during the Crimean war? **Mother Seacole.**

What kind of person do you think Mary Seacole was? **Personal response. Pupils may say that she was kind and helpful.**

How do you think Mary helped the injured soldiers? **Tending to the wounded, giving out food, drink and medicine.**

What does the author think about Mary and her achievements? **The author thinks Mary is kind and helpful, and she admires her.**

Can you find any interesting adjectives in the story? **Horrific, dirty, large, huge, scary.**

Why do you think the author started the story by explaining who Mary Seacole was? **To introduce the main character to the audience.**

When is the story set? **1854**

Did you like the story? Explain why. **Personal response.**