



Mary Seacole (1805 - 1881)

Timeline of her life and other amazing events

Her Life

World Events

Born in Kingston, Jamaica.

1805

Sacagawea sets off on the Lewis Clark Expedition.



Travels extensively in the Caribbean, and learns about traditional medicines.

1820s

Simón Bolívar wins independence from the Spanish in South America.



Travels independently to the war in Crimea, and goes to the front line to treat injured soldiers. Opens the 'British Hotel' to provide home-comforts to the soldiers in the Crimea.

1838

Jamaica abolishes slavery.

1854

Florence Nightingale sets up a hospital in Scutari, near Crimea.



1855

Hits hard times, and a fundraising event is organised to support her, attended by 80,000 people.

1857

Publishes her autobiography *The Wonderful Adventure of Mrs Seacole in Many Lands*.

1858

Britain brings India under its colonial rule.

1863

Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President, makes his Emancipation Proclamation, which ends slavery in the US.



Returns to London to continue to treat people, including the Princess of Wales.

1870

Dies in London, England, aged 75.

1881

In 2004, Mary Seacole is named as the Greatest Black Briton.

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