

History Knowledge Organiser

Year 2

Summer (i)

Why do we remember Edith Cavell?

Substantive Knowledge - Edith Cavell was a nurse who was executed by the Nazis for nursing all soldiers regardless of who they fought for.

World War I took place in 1914 and ended in 1918. This is when Edith Cavell was a nurse.

Edith Cavell

We remember Edith Cavell as she was a German nurse during World War I. She took care of soldiers on the front line and helped all soldiers despite the side they were fighting for. Because of this, she was killed by the Nazis.

We know that Edith Cavell went to Belgium in 1907 where she trained nurses for hospitals, schools and nurseries. In 1914, Edith was in Belgium when the German army invaded at the start of World War I. During this time, she looked after injured British and French soldiers and she secretly took 200 soldiers out of Belgium. At the time, this was against the law so she was arrested by the German soldiers and killed on 12 October 1915.

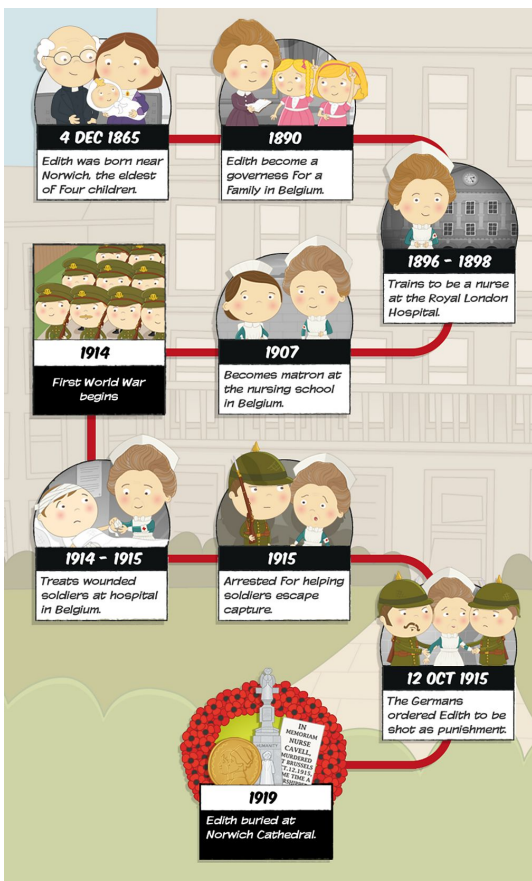


Edith Cavell remembered

Many statues and songs have been made in recognition of Edith Cavell. She is remembered for her honesty, patriotism and putting others before herself.

Did you know?

Edith Cavell was a Christian woman and she did not wish to die for any country. The night before her execution, she said "I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone."



Edith Cavell was executed by the Germans on 12 October 1915.

International law

When Edith Cavell was arrested, there was an international outcry (lots of countries asking) wanting her to be released immediately. Many people felt she should be treated with mercy. Nowadays, international laws protect civilians from anything like this happening again.



Mary Seacole

Mary Seacole was a Jamaican born nurse who took care of soldiers during the Crimean war. Both Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell are remembered for the sacrifices they made because of their devotion to nursing at a time when the profession was not valued.



**Statue of
Edith Cavell**

Influence

Both Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell were influenced by the work of The Lady with the Lamp, Florence Nightingale. At the time, nursing was not a respected profession. These women were pioneers and helped improve nursing. Edith Cavell showed that you should take care of everyone despite where they come from or their beliefs.

Portable Knowledge - What we need to remember

Edith Cavell was a Christian nurse who was executed by the Nazis for nursing soldiers regardless of who they were fighting for. Both Edith Cavell and Mary Seacole are remembered for the sacrifices they made because of their devotion to nursing at a time when the profession was not valued.

Core Vocabulary

- Treason** – the betrayal of trust towards the government
- Equality** - being equal, especially in status, rights and opportunities
- Occupied** - a country that is taken over by another