

Significant People

Vocabulary

significant	Very important
codebreaker	A person who solves codes.
astronaut	A person who is trained to travel in a spacecraft to space.
artist	A person who creates paintings or drawings.
nurse	A person who has trained to care for sick or injured people, especially in a hospital.
explorer	A person who goes to and looks around a new or unfamiliar area.
journey	Travelling from one place to another.
Crimean War	A war fought from 1853-1856 with Russia against Britain, France, Turkey, and Sardinia.
famous	Something or someone that is known about by lots of people.
International Space Station	A space station built by lots of countries working together. It orbits (goes around) the Earth.

What you will learn by the end of the unit

- Sequence events in order on a timeline,
- Use words and phrases such as before/ after, past/ present, then/now, a long time ago.
- Recount the lives of famous people from the past and say why the people were important,
- Answer questions using different information – objects, books, the internet.
- Investigate the life of a famous person from the past.

Key Facts

Who: L.S. Lowry (1887-1976)

Job: Artist

What did he do?

He was born in and grew up in Manchester. He loved painting but had to work to earn money. He worked in the day time while the day time and painted at night.



His paintings are of factories and people and show us what life was like in Manchester in the early 20th century.



Who: Alan Turing (1912-1954)

Job: Codebreaker

What did he do?

He worked as a codebreaker at Bletchley Park during World War Two. He built a computer called the Bombe to decode secret enemy messages which helped to win the war. After the war, he worked at the University of Manchester and built another computer called The Manchester Baby.



Who: Christopher Columbus (1436-1506)

Job: Explorer

What did he do?

He sailed around the world to explore and discover new places. He tried to find a quick way to sail to China and India but he landed in the Americas (Bahamas and Caribbean) instead.



Who: Tim Peake (born in 1971)

Job: Astronaut

What did he do?

He was the first British astronaut to visit the International Space Station. He spent 186 days in space doing experiments to learn more about space. He also did a space walk and repaired part of the International Space Station.



Who: Mary Seacole (1805-1881)

Job: Nurse

What did she do?

Mary was a nurse and wanted to help the soldiers in the Crimean War. Unfortunately, the army said they didn't want her help. This was because she was black. However, she was brave and determined and decided that she was going to go and help anyway. She paid for the journey herself and set up her own hospital called the 'British Hotel'.



Who: Florence Nightingale (1820 –1910)

Job: Nurse

What did she do?

She worked as a nurse during the Crimean War and took care of wounded soldiers. She noticed that the hospitals were not very clean or nice places. She took charge and made sure they were cleaner and had better medicines and food to help the soldiers get better.

