

Famous Women

Year 1

Helen Sharman
(1963 - Present)



Grace Darling
(1815 - 1842)



Florence Nightingale
(1820 - 1910)



Key Questions

How do we order events in a person's life?
Can we order events in our own lives?
What events made these women famous and when did they happen?
What did Helen Sharman see in space?
What was Helen's life like in space?
How was Grace's life different to our lives?
What happened when Grace Darling saw the ship in the sea and how did she feel?
What did hospitals look like when Florence Nightingale first became a nurse?
How have hospitals changed?
What songs have been written about these famous women?

Key Dates

24th November 1815: Grace Darling was born.
12th May 1820: Florence Nightingale was born.
6th September 1838: *SS Forfarshire* crashed and Grace rescued the survivors.
1844: Florence became a nursing student.
20th October 1842: Grace Darling died.
1855: Florence insisted on improvements to patient care.
12th August 1910: Florence Nightingale died.
13th May 1963: Helen Sharman was born.
18th May 1991: Helen went into space.

Key Vocabulary

Event: a thing that happens or takes place, especially one of importance

Famous: known about by many people

Florence Nightingale: known as "The Lady With the Lamp," who was a British nurse

Grace Darling: a lighthouse keeper's daughter who rescued people from a shipwreck

Helen Sharman: first British person in space

Historical Sources: something that tells us about history

Hospital: a place providing medical and surgical treatment and care for sick or injured people

Lighthouse: a tower or other structure containing a beacon light to warn or guide ships at sea

Nurse: a person trained to care for the sick or infirm, especially in a hospital

Past: gone by in time and no longer existing

Present: existing or occurring now.