

Q2 Who was Edith Cavell?

To explain how Edith Cavell helped soldiers.

By the end of this session I will be able to:

- Identify and order some of the key events in Edith Cavell's life
- Explain how Edith Cavell's life helped soldiers
- Express my opinion

Edith Cavell

Who was Edith Cavell?

Born on the 4th December 1865 in a village in Norfolk.



Her father was a vicar. She learned from the Bible, and him, that it was important to help others.



Edith went to Belgium to be a governess (teacher), and later to Austria to learn about helping the sick. But returned home to look after her sick father.


In 1896 Edith trained to be a nurse at the Royal London Hospital.




In 1907 she went back to Brussels to nurse and was asked by a doctor to be in charge of training nurses at a special nursing school

World War One



 Countries on Britain's side

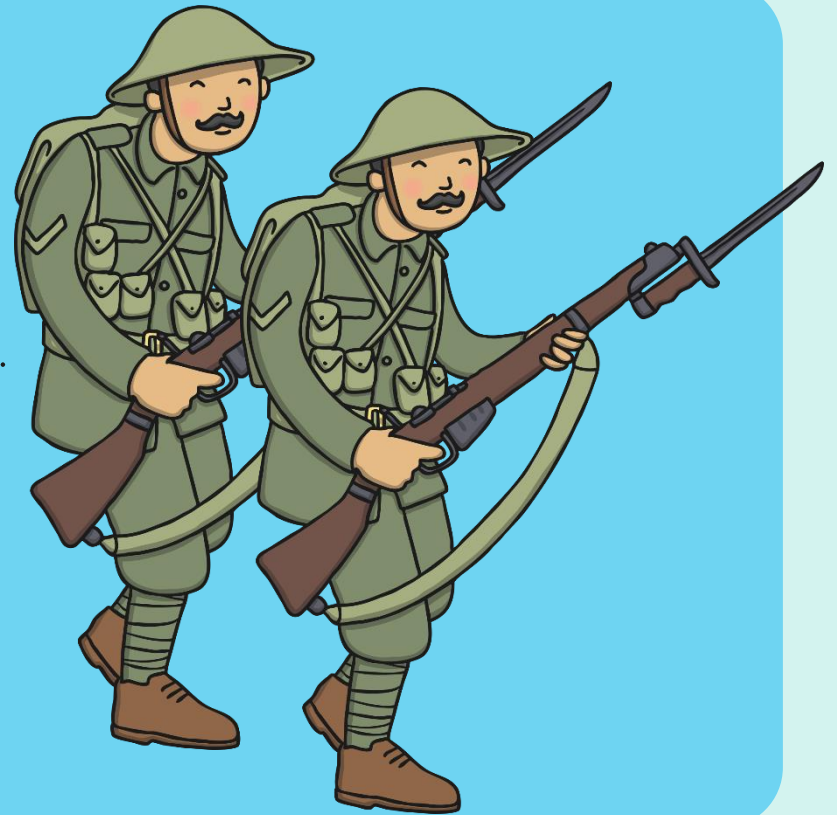
 Countries on Germany's side

- **World War One started in 1914.**
- Britain, France and Russia were all on the same side.
- Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy were all on the same side.
- Soldiers from these countries fought one another in World War One.



How did Edith help the soldiers?

- In 1914, when Germany invaded Belgium, Edith returned to Brussels and found her hospital had been turned into a Red Cross Hospital.
- Edith nursed and saved the lives of soldiers from both sides at the hospital. It didn't matter which country they were fighting for.
- She also hid over 200 allied soldiers from the Germans and helped them escape from Belgium, which was occupied by Germany.



Traitor or hero?

- In 1915 Edith was arrested by the Germans, found guilty of treason and sentenced to death. Edith Cavell was killed by a German firing squad on the 12th October 1915.
- In World War One, Germany was Britain's enemy. Some people in Britain, were cross with Edith because she treated and helped the German soldiers.
- But lots of people thought Edith was very brave and heroic because she put her life in danger to help others no matter which side they were fighting for.



What do you think? Why?


Task:


Using the information on the slides and the BBC video, complete the sheet about Edith Cavell.

Name: _____ Date: _____


T: What do I know about Edith Cavell?

Edith Cavell


 Date of birth: _____

 Date of death: _____


_____ is significant because _____

_____ 

A picture of Edith Cavell.



Interesting Fact

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Challenge A Day at the Red Cross Hospital

Imagine you are Edith Cavell.
Write about her day at the Red Cross Hospital.

What do you think it would be like to be a nurse at The Red Cross Hospital?
What do you think Edith Cavell would do?

Name: _____ Date: _____

T: I can write about a day at the Red Cross Hospital.
- Think about what Edith would do during the day in a Red Cross hospital and how she might feel.

Edith Cavell's Diary

Imagine you are Edith Cavell. Write a diary entry about your day.



What Have You Learnt Today?

Can you identify some key events in Edith Cavell's Life?

Can you explain how Edith Cavell's life helped the soldiers?

Can you say why you think Edith Cavell was a traitor or a hero?