

A Portrait of Mary



Portrait of Mary Seacole

This portrait of Mary was painted around 1869 by Albert Charles Challen and is now in the National Portrait Gallery in London.

It shows her wearing her traditional Jamaican red scarf and her medals.

Portraits are painted to show how a person looked and also to give an idea of their achievements in life.

- Which words and phrases do you think describe how this portrait tell us about the sort of person Mary was?

Strong, scared, in charge, proud, worried, old, young, thoughtful, caring, intelligent, fun, a proud Jamaican, courage, fearless, happy.

- Can you add of some of your own?
- Think of someone you would like to paint a portrait of. Write some words to describe the person in your picture?