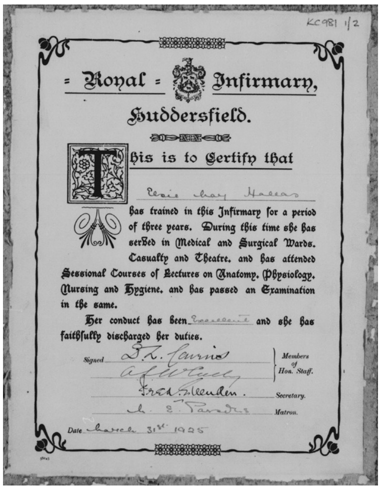
Elsie Harling – Worksheet 1

Elsie Harling was a nurse and voluntary worker from Dalton, Huddersfield. Using the sources, try to answer the following questions:



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Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield.

This is to Certify that

Elsie Mary Harling

has trained in this Infirmary for a period of three years. During this time she has served in Medical and Surgical Wards, Casualty and Theatre, and has attended Sessional Courses of Lectures on Anatomy, Physiology, Nursing and Hygiene, and has passed an Examination in the same.

Her conduct has been Excellent and she has faithfully discharged her duties.

Signed [illegible] } Members of Hon. Staff.
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Date March 31st 1925

1. Which hospital did Elsie work at?

2. How long did Elsie have to train to become a nurse?

3. What did her training involve?

4. Did she have to take an exam?

5. On what date was Elsie admitted to the register for the General Nursing Council for England and Wales? Once admitted, what was she able to call herself?

6. What type of tone does Elsie take with the introduction to her speech? Consider also her use of rhetorical questions (questions that don’t require an answer) – why do you think she used these?

7. What do you think of Elsie’s view on the purpose of life? Do you think the views seem old-fashioned or as relevant to life today?

8. Write a couple of sentences on what you think the purpose of life is …

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