

Social Studies / History Assessment: Florence Nightingale and the Scutari Hospital

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the life, work, and historical significance of Florence Nightingale.

Read each question carefully. Use your historical knowledge to provide clear and accurate answers. Write in full sentences where requested.

Ellie the elephant has been reading her history books about the Victorian era. She discovered that during the Crimean War, hospitals were often dirty and overcrowded. Florence Nightingale travelled to the Scutari hospital in 1854 to lead a team of nurses. By improving the cleanliness and care for the soldiers, she changed how hospitals were run forever.

Word bank: Scutari · Crimean War · Sanitation · The Lady with the Lamp · Hygiene · Nurse · Victorian · Statistics

1. Identify the war during which Florence Nightingale worked as a nurse. (1 mark)

2. Why was Florence Nightingale given the nickname 'The Lady with the Lamp'? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

3. List two ways in which Florence Nightingale improved the conditions at the hospital in Scutari. (2 marks)

4. How did Florence Nightingale use maths and data to prove that her new methods were working? (Hint: Think about what Max the monkey would look for in her reports.) (3 marks)

5. Before Florence Nightingale, hospitals were often very dangerous places for soldiers to recover. Describe what the conditions were like and explain why her changes were so important for the survival of the patients. (4 marks)

6. Explain why Florence Nightingale is considered a significant figure in history today. Think about her impact on modern nursing and hospital standards. (5 marks)

7. If a modern nurse from today travelled back in time to visit Florence Nightingale, what is one piece of equipment or knowledge they might bring to help her further? (3 marks)

8. True or False: Florence Nightingale believed that fresh air and clean water were unimportant for recovery. Explain your choice. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the Scutari hospital ward as Florence Nightingale might have seen it at night, including her famous lamp.



Extension challenge: Total: /25