

Ellie's Florence Nightingale Social Studies / History Challenge

Learning objective: To recall key facts about the life and impact of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.

Read the facts below carefully, then answer the 10 questions to test your historical knowledge. Good luck!

Florence Nightingale was a famous Victorian nurse born in 1820. She is best known for her work during the Crimean War, where she travelled to a hospital in Scutari to care for wounded soldiers. Florence noticed that the hospital was dirty and that many soldiers were dying from illness rather than their injuries. She worked hard to improve cleanliness, which led to a massive drop in the death rate. She often walked the wards at night carrying a light, earning her the nickname 'The Lady with the Lamp'. She later used her mathematical skills to create charts showing the importance of hygiene in hospitals.

Word bank: Scutari · Crimean War · Lamp · Nursing · Hygiene · Hospital · Florence · Statistics · Victorian · Heroine

1. 1. In which historical era did Florence Nightingale live? A) Tudor B) Victorian* C) Roman D) Stone Age (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Florence Nightingale was born in the city of Florence, Italy. (1 mark)

3. 3. What was the name of the war where Florence worked as a nurse? (1 word) (1 mark)

4. 4. What did Florence carry with her when she visited soldiers at night? A) A candle B) A book C) A lamp* D) A torch (1 mark)

5. 5. Why did Florence insist on better cleaning in the hospital? A) She liked cleaning B) To stop the spread of illness* C) To make it look pretty D) She lost her broom (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the name of the place where Florence worked in Turkey? (1 word) (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: Florence Nightingale was very good at using maths to explain her ideas. (1 mark)

8. 8. What was Florence's main profession? A) Teacher B) Scientist C) Nurse* D) Artist (1 mark)

9. 9. How did the soldiers feel about Florence? A) They didn't know her B) They were afraid of her C) They saw her as a hero* D) They wanted her to leave (1 mark)

10. 10. What do we call the practice of keeping things clean to stay healthy? (1 word) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Florence Nightingale walking through the dark hospital ward with her famous lamp, illuminating the room for the soldiers.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in 1855. Write a short newspaper headline and one sentence about the changes Florence Nightingale has made to the hospital.