

Florence Nightingale: A Historical Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify and explain the significant contributions of Florence Nightingale to nursing and hospital standards.

Use your research skills to complete this fact-file about the 'Lady with the Lamp'. Write clearly in your own words to explain why she is a famous figure from history.

Word bank: Scutari · nursing · hygiene · sanitation · hospitals · patient care · The Lady with the Lamp · Crimean War

1. Early Life: Where was she born and what was her life like before she decided to become a nurse? (2 marks)

2. The Crimean War: Describe the conditions of the hospital in Scutari when Florence arrived. (3 marks)

3. Key Changes: List two specific improvements Florence Nightingale made to hospital hygiene and care. (2 marks)

4. The Nickname: Explain why people started calling her 'The Lady with the Lamp'. (2 marks)

5. Lasting Legacy: Why is Florence Nightingale still considered an important person in history today? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in 1856. Write a short newspaper headline and the opening sentence of an article announcing Florence Nightingale's return to England.