

Florence Nightingale: The Lady with the Lamp

Learning objective: To assess understanding of the life, work, and legacy of Florence Nightingale and her contribution to nursing.

Read each question carefully. Answer in full sentences where appropriate. Use the historical knowledge you have gained during our history lessons.

Florence Nightingale was a social reformer who changed the way hospitals were run. During the Crimean War, she travelled to a military hospital in Scutari. She noticed that the soldiers were dying not just from their wounds, but from poor conditions. By introducing better sanitation and hygiene, she significantly reduced the death rate. Her dedication to her patients earned her the title 'The Lady with the Lamp'.

Word bank: Scutari · Sanitation · Hygiene · Crimean War · Nursing · Statistics · Legacy · Compassion

1. Identify two specific changes Florence Nightingale made to the hospital in Scutari to improve the health of the soldiers. (2 marks)

2. Why was Florence Nightingale given the nickname 'The Lady with the Lamp'? Explain the significance of this during the night. (2 marks)

3. Explain why the death rate at the military hospital decreased after Florence Nightingale arrived. How did she use her skills to prove her improvements were working? (3 marks)

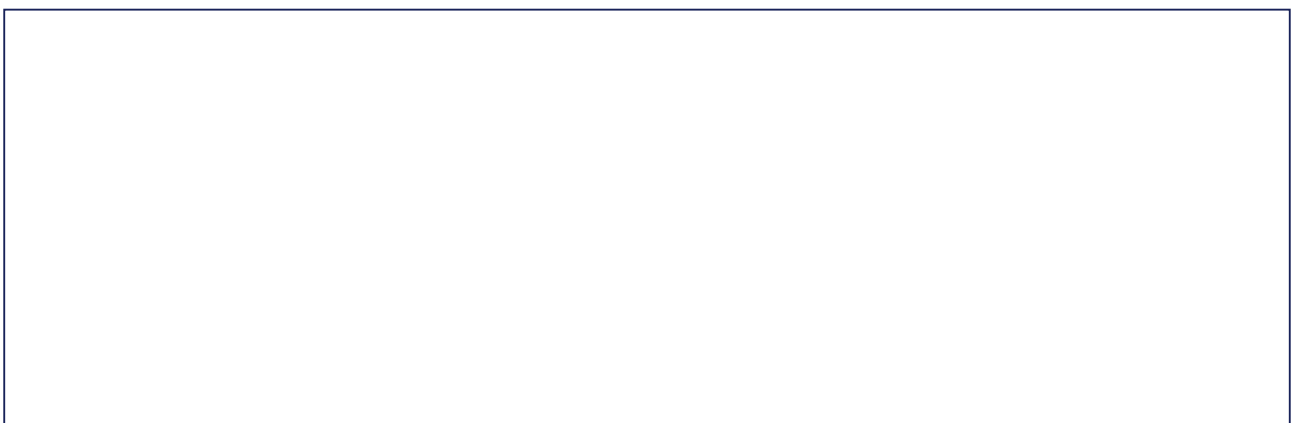
4. Compare and contrast the typical nursing care before Florence Nightingale with the standards she established. What was the most important difference? (4 marks)

5. Justify why Florence Nightingale is remembered as a pioneer of modern nursing. Provide evidence from her work in the Crimea. (4 marks)

6. If Florence Nightingale had not gone to the Crimea, what might have happened to the standards of hospital hygiene in the future? Explain your reasoning. (5 marks)

7. Florence Nightingale believed that 'cleanliness is next to godliness.' Based on your knowledge, explain why this motto was so vital in the 1850s. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene from the hospital in Scutari. Include the 'lamp' and show at least two ways Florence Nightingale improved the environment for the soldiers.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a soldier in the hospital at Scutari. Write a short diary entry describing how the hospital environment has changed since Florence Nightingale arrived. Consider the smell, the cleanliness, and the hope she brought to the ward. Total: /25