History Assessment: Florence Nightingale

Learning objective: To evaluate knowledge and understanding of the life, work, and legacy of Florence Nightingale during the Crimean War.

Read each question carefully. Answer in full sentences where required. Ensure your handwriting is clear and your spelling is accurate.

Ellie the elephant has been reading about the history of medicine. She discovered that in the 1850s, Florence Nightingale travelled to the Barrack Hospital in Scutari during the Crimean War. At the time, conditions were poor, and many soldiers were dying from infections caused by a lack of cleanliness. Florence used her skills to change how hospitals were run, saving many lives and changing the nursing profession forever.

Word bank: Crimean War · Scutari · Sanitation · Hygiene · Lamp · Nursing · Statistician · Hospital · Soldiers · Improvements

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

2. Why was Florence Nightingale often referred to as 'The Lady with the Lamp'? (2 marks) (2 marks)

3. Name two major changes Florence Nightingale introduced to the hospital in Scutari to help the soldiers recover. (2 marks) (2 marks)

4. Explain why Florence Nightingale is considered a pioneer for modern nursing. (4 marks) (4 marks)

5. How did Florence Nightingale use mathematics and data to prove that her changes were saving lives? (4 marks) (4 marks)

6. Compare a hospital in the 1850s to a modern hospital today. What is the most significant difference in how patients are treated? (3 marks) (3 marks)

7. Extended Writing Task: Imagine you are a soldier in the Scutari hospital in 1854. Write a short diary entry describing the arrival of Florence Nightingale and the impact she had on the ward. (5 marks) (5 marks)

8. Bonus: If Florence Nightingale wanted to buy 4 lanterns for her ward at £2.50 each, what would be the total cost? (4 marks) (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a sketch of the lamp Florence Nightingale carried, including a brief label explaining why light was important in the dark hospital wards.

Extension challenge: Total: /25. Reflect on: How did Florence Nightingale's work influence the way we view hygiene in schools and public places today?