

Florence Nightingale: A Historical Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify and explain the significance of Florence Nightingale's contribution to nursing and hospital reform.

Use your history textbooks or classroom notes to complete this fact-file about Florence Nightingale. Ellie the elephant says that checking your facts carefully is the best way to remember history! Write in full sentences to show how much you have learned about her life and work.

Word bank: Scutari · Crimean War · Hygiene · Sanitation · The Lady with the Lamp · Nursing · Hospital · Statistics

1. Early Life and Ambition: Where was Florence born and why did she decide to become a nurse against her family's wishes? (3 marks)

2. The Crimean War: Describe the conditions Florence found when she arrived at the Barrack Hospital in Scutari. (3 marks)

3. Improving Conditions: What specific changes did Florence make to the hospital to help the soldiers recover faster? (4 marks)

4. The Lady with the Lamp: Explain why this nickname was given to her and what it symbolised to the soldiers at night. (3 marks)

5. Lasting Legacy: Why is Florence Nightingale often called the founder of modern nursing? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a soldier in the Barrack Hospital in 1854. Write a short diary entry (about 50 words) describing the moment Florence Nightingale walked past your bed at night.