

Ellie the Elephant's Social Studies / History Lesson: The Lady with the Lamp

Learning objective: To understand who Florence Nightingale was and why she is remembered as a kind helper in history.

Ellie the Elephant has a brilliant memory for stories from the past! Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge to answer them. Ask your teacher or a grown-up if you need a little help reading the words.

Florence Nightingale was a famous lady who lived a long time ago. She wanted to help sick people feel better. She worked in a hospital where she cared for soldiers. At night, she walked around the hospital carrying a lamp to check on everyone. Because she carried this light, people called her 'The Lady with the Lamp'.

Word bank: Florence · Nightingale · Hospital · Lamp · Nurse · Help · Kind

1. Florence Nightingale wanted to help people. Was she a teacher, a nurse, or a firefighter? (1 mark)

2. Why did people call her 'The Lady with the Lamp'? (2 marks)

3. If you were a nurse like Florence, what is one kind thing you would do to help a friend who is feeling poorly? (2 marks)

4. Florence worked in a hospital. Can you name one thing you might find inside a hospital? (1 mark)

5. Florence lived a long time ago. Does this mean she is a person from 'the past' or a person from 'the future'? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Florence Nightingale holding her lamp in the dark hospital. Make sure to draw the warm glow of the light!



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a helper like Florence. In the box below, draw a picture of yourself helping someone in your community. What special tool would you carry to help people?