

Florence Nightingale: The Lady with the Lamp

Learning objective: To recount the life and historical significance of Florence Nightingale, explaining her contribution to nursing and hospital reform.

Use this scaffold to structure a biographical account of Florence Nightingale. Ensure you use historical vocabulary and provide evidence to support your explanations.

In the mid-19th century, a determined woman named Florence Nightingale emerged as a pioneering figure who would forever transform the way we care for the sick.

Word bank: significantly · furthermore · consequently · sanitation · revolutionised · determination · compassion · legacy · nonetheless · in addition to

1. Early Life and Ambition: What motivated Florence to pursue a career in nursing despite the social expectations of her time? Begin with: Although Florence was born into a wealthy family... (2 marks)

2. The Crimean War: Describe the conditions at the Scutari hospital when Florence arrived. How did she identify the problems? Start with: Upon arriving at the Barrack Hospital, Florence was shocked to find... (3 marks)

3. Improvements and Innovation: Explain why sanitation and hygiene were the most critical changes Florence implemented. Use the word 'consequently' to describe the results. (3 marks)

4. Justifying Her Legacy: Why is Florence Nightingale often referred to as a pioneer of modern nursing? Justify your answer by referencing her work in hospital design. (3 marks)

5. Comparative Analysis: Compare the role of nurses in the 1850s to the role of a modern-day nurse. What key differences can you identify? (3 marks)

6. Creative Reflection: If you could interview Florence Nightingale today, what might happen if you asked her about the impact of her statistics on modern medicine? Frame your response as a question you would ask. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research the 'Rose Diagram' that Florence Nightingale created. Explain why she chose to present her data in this visual way rather than using a standard table. How did this help her convince the government to make changes?