

Florence Nightingale: A Historical Timeline

Learning objective: To understand the significant life events and contributions of Florence Nightingale to nursing and hospital hygiene during the Victorian era.

Ellie the elephant has been researching history and needs your help! Read the historical events below and place them in the correct chronological order by numbering them from 1 to 6. Once you have sequenced them, answer the questions to show your knowledge of how Florence changed the world of medicine.

Word bank: Scutari · Crimean War · Sanitation · The Lady with the Lamp · Victorian · Statistics

1. 1. Florence is born in Florence, Italy, to a wealthy family. (Sequence: __)
2. Florence travels to the Scutari hospital during the Crimean War. (Sequence: __)
3. Florence introduces improved sanitation and hygiene, such as washing hands and cleaning equipment. (Sequence: __)
4. The public starts calling her 'The Lady with the Lamp' because she checked on soldiers at night. (Sequence: __)
5. Florence returns to Britain and helps design better hospital layouts. (Sequence: __)
6. Florence receives the Royal Red Cross for her dedication to nursing. (Sequence: __) (6 marks)

2. Why did Florence Nightingale insist on cleaning the hospital floors and windows at Scutari? (2 marks)

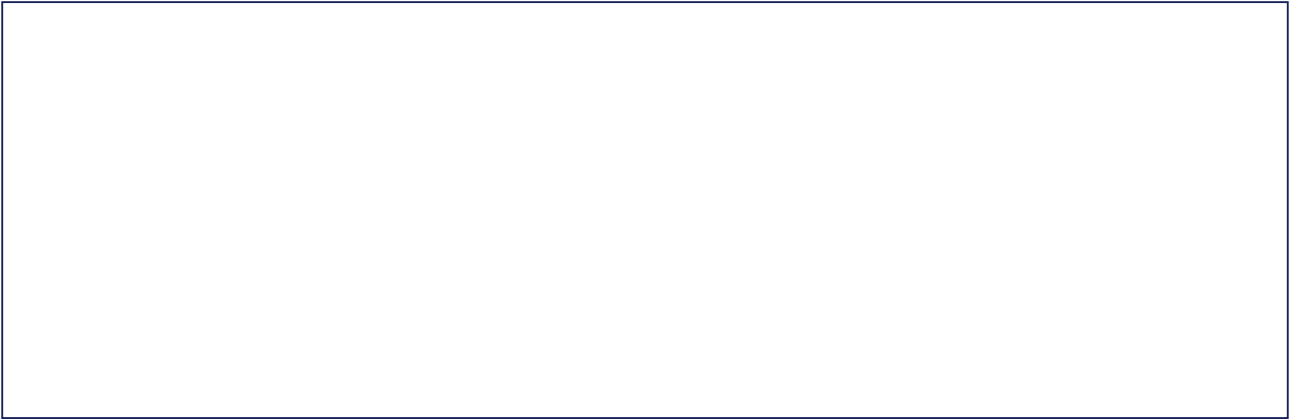
3. How did Florence use her mathematical skills to help improve hospitals? (2 marks)

4. What does the nickname 'The Lady with the Lamp' tell us about Florence's character? (2 marks)

5. If a modern hospital wanted to improve its hygiene today based on Florence's work, name one thing they would ensure is kept clean. (1 mark)

6. Florence Nightingale's work cost money to implement. If she spent £50 on soap and £75 on fresh bandages for a ward, what was the total cost? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a Victorian-era hospital ward as Florence Nightingale would have wanted it to look. Think about light, fresh air, and cleanliness.



Extension challenge: Research how hospitals have changed since the Victorian era. Write a short paragraph comparing the tools a nurse uses today versus the tools Florence Nightingale would have used in the 1850s.