

Ellie's Historical Hero: Florence Nightingale

Learning objective: To learn about the life and work of Florence Nightingale and understand how she helped people in the past.

Ellie the elephant has been looking through her history books! Florence Nightingale was a famous nurse who helped soldiers get better a long time ago. Look at the two columns below. Draw a line to match the item on the left with its use on the right to show how Florence helped the hospital stay clean and safe.

Word bank: Lamp · Soap · Medicine · Clean sheets · Fresh air

1. Florence carried a lamp at night. Why was this helpful for the patients? (2 marks)

2. Why is it important to wash our hands with soap, just like Florence taught? (2 marks)

3. Florence worked very hard to make hospitals cleaner. How does a clean room make you feel? (2 marks)

4. If you were a nurse, what is one thing you would do to help someone feel better? (2 marks)

5. Florence was called 'The Lady with the Lamp'. If you had a nickname based on something you love to do, what would it be? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Florence Nightingale holding her lamp in the hospital. Make sure to draw the room looking very tidy and clean!



Extension challenge: Ask an adult to help you find out how much a modern nurse might earn, or imagine you are opening a store for nurses. If a bottle of soap costs £1 and a bandage costs £2, how much would they cost altogether?