Florence Nightingale: The Lady with the Lamp

Learning objective: To understand the historical significance of Florence Nightingale and identify objects associated with her work.

Follow the steps below to complete your historical drawing. Use your labels to show the important parts of the scene.

Draw: Draw a scene inside a long, quiet hospital room at night. In the centre, draw Florence Nightingale wearing a historical nurse's uniform (a long dress and a cap). She is holding a classic oil lamp that glows with yellow light. In the background, draw beds with soldiers resting. Use a calm, warm colour palette to show the comfort she brought to the room.

Label words: Lamp · Hospital · Florence · Nurse · Medicine

Steps:

1. Draw Florence Nightingale in the hospital holding her lamp. Use the word bank to label the lamp and the hospital.
2. Why did Florence Nightingale carry a lamp at night?
3. What is one way Florence Nightingale made the hospital better for the soldiers?
4. Draw a picture of a nurse in a modern hospital today next to your drawing of Florence.
5. Compare: Write down one thing that is the same about nurses today and nurses in the past.