

Florence Nightingale: The Lady with the Lamp

Learning objective: To identify who Florence Nightingale was and why she is a significant historical figure in nursing.

Read each flashcard to learn facts about Florence Nightingale. You can use these to quiz a partner or test your own memory!

Who was Florence Nightingale?

She was a famous nurse who changed how hospitals were run.

What is Florence Nightingale often called?

The Lady with the Lamp.

Why did she carry a lamp at night?

To see the patients clearly in the dark wards.

What was the name of the place where she helped injured soldiers?

The hospital at Scutari.

What did Florence believe was very important for patients?

Cleanliness and fresh air (hygiene).

How did Florence help make hospitals better?

She made sure they were kept clean and tidy.

What did Florence do when she returned home to England?

She opened a school to train more nurses.

Did Florence Nightingale live a long time ago or recently?

A long time ago (the Victorian era).

What is a 'ward' in a hospital?

A large room with many beds for patients.

How did Florence show kindness to the soldiers?

She wrote letters for them and comforted them.