Florence Nightingale: A Historical Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify and explain the significance of Florence Nightingale's work and her impact on modern nursing.

Use this fact-file to organise your research about Florence Nightingale. Ellie the elephant has provided some key themes below to help you structure your notes. Ensure you use formal, historical language and check your spelling of key medical terms.

Word bank: Scutari · Sanitation · Hygiene · The Lady with the Lamp · Crimean War · Statistics · Nursing · Reform

1. Early Life and Motivation: Describe Florence's early life and what inspired her to pursue a career in nursing despite her family's expectations. (3 marks)

2. The Crimean War: Explain the challenges Florence faced when she arrived at the Barrack Hospital in Scutari and what she discovered about the conditions there. (4 marks)

3. Sanitation Reform: List two specific changes Florence implemented to improve the health and survival rates of the soldiers. (2 marks)

4. The Lady with the Lamp: Why did the soldiers give her this nickname, and how did her nightly rounds change the morale of the hospital? (3 marks)

5. Long-term Impact: How did Florence Nightingale’s use of data and statistics influence the way hospitals are run today? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in 1855. Write a short, persuasive newspaper headline and a lead paragraph describing the positive changes taking place at the hospital in Scutari.