Florence Nightingale: The Lady with the Lamp

Learning objective: To assess understanding of Florence Nightingale's contribution to nursing and hospital reform during the Crimean War.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of history to provide clear and accurate answers. Write in full sentences where requested.

In the 1850s, Florence Nightingale travelled to the Barrack Hospital in Scutari to help wounded soldiers during the Crimean War. She found the hospital in a terrible state, with no clean water, poor food, and very little medicine. Florence worked tirelessly to improve hygiene and care, becoming famous for carrying a lamp as she checked on soldiers throughout the night.

Word bank: Crimean War · Scutari · Hygiene · Sanitation · Nursing · Hospital · Lamp · Statistics

1. Name the war that Florence Nightingale worked in during the 1850s. (1 mark)

2. List two problems Florence Nightingale found when she arrived at the hospital in Scutari. (2 marks)

3. Why was Florence Nightingale known as 'The Lady with the Lamp'? (2 marks)

4. Explain how Florence Nightingale changed the way hospitals were run to help soldiers recover faster. Mention the importance of cleanliness. (4 marks)

5. Max the monkey is looking at a ledger of hospital costs. If a box of bandages costs £2 and a bottle of antiseptic costs £3, how much would 4 boxes of bandages and 2 bottles of antiseptic cost in total? (3 marks)

6. Florence Nightingale was a pioneer in using maths and data to prove that cleaning hospitals saved lives. Why do you think using evidence was important for convincing people to change their habits? (3 marks)

7. Write a short report (5-6 sentences) explaining why Florence Nightingale is considered an important figure in history. Include details about her work in the Crimean War and the long-term impact she had on modern nursing. (10 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Florence Nightingale inside the hospital at Scutari. Include at least two items she might have used to help improve the hygiene or comfort of the soldiers.

Extension challenge: Total: /25