

Florence Nightingale: The Lady with the Lamp

Learning objective: To assess understanding of the life, work, and legacy of Florence Nightingale and her contribution to nursing.

Read each question carefully. Use full sentences for the longer answers. Ensure your writing is clear and accurate.

In 1854, Florence Nightingale travelled to the Barrack Hospital in Scutari during the Crimean War. She found the conditions to be extremely poor, with soldiers suffering from infections caused by dirt and overcrowding. Florence introduced strict hygiene practices, such as washing hands and cleaning floors, which drastically reduced the death rate. Known as 'The Lady with the Lamp', she would walk the wards at night to comfort the wounded. After the war, she returned to England and used her mathematical skills to create reports that changed how hospitals were run forever.

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

1. Where was the hospital located where Florence Nightingale worked during the Crimean War? (1 mark)

2. Why was Florence Nightingale given the nickname 'The Lady with the Lamp'? (2 marks)

3. Identify two specific changes Florence Nightingale made to improve the hospital environment. (2 marks)

4. Explain why hygiene and sanitation were so important in the hospitals during the 19th century. (3 marks)

5. Max the Monkey is looking at Florence's data. How did Florence Nightingale use her knowledge of statistics to improve hospitals after the war? (4 marks)

6. Ellie the Elephant wants to know about the long-term impact of Florence Nightingale's work. In a detailed paragraph, explain how her influence changed the nursing profession and hospital management for the future. (8 marks)

7. If Florence Nightingale were alive today, what is one modern medical invention you think she would be most interested in and why? (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene showing the difference between the conditions in the hospital before and after Florence Nightingale's arrival. Label your drawing with key terms like 'cleanliness', 'ventilation', or 'supplies'.



Extension challenge: Total: /25