

Ellie's History Hero: Florence Nightingale Quiz

Learning objective: To recall and understand the life, achievements, and impact of Florence Nightingale on nursing and sanitation in the 19th century.

Help Ellie the Elephant test your knowledge! Read the questions carefully and choose the best answer.
Good luck, history explorers!

Answer Key: 1. B (1854), 2. True, 3. False (she was born in Italy), 4. C (The Lady with the Lamp), 5. Scutari, 6. False (she worked to improve hygiene to stop disease), 7. Statistics, 8. A (To improve hospital cleanliness), 9. True, 10. Royal Red Cross.

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

1. 1. In which year did Florence Nightingale travel to the Crimean War? A) 1840 B) 1854* C) 1860 D) 1890 (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Florence Nightingale came from a wealthy family. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Florence Nightingale was born in the city of Florence, Italy. (1 mark)

4. 4. What famous nickname was given to Florence because she checked on soldiers at night? A) The Night Nurse B) The Caring Captain C) The Lady with the Lamp* D) The Healing Hero (1 mark)

5. 5. What was the name of the military hospital in Turkey where Florence worked? (1-word answer) (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: Florence Nightingale believed that dirty conditions helped soldiers get better faster. (1 mark)

7. 7. Florence was a genius at maths. What did she use to show that poor hospital conditions were causing deaths? (1-word answer) (1 mark)

8. 8. Why did Florence insist on scrubbing the hospital floors and washing bed sheets? A) To improve hospital cleanliness* B) To keep the soldiers busy C) To impress the doctors D) To save money (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: Florence Nightingale opened a training school for nurses after the war. (1 mark)

10. 10. Which prestigious award did Florence receive in 1883 for her service? A) The Victoria Cross B) The Royal Red Cross* C) The Nobel Prize D) The Nursing Medal (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a traditional Victorian oil lamp, similar to the one Florence Nightingale would have carried during her night rounds at the hospital.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in 1855. Write a short diary entry from the perspective of a soldier describing how Florence Nightingale's changes made the hospital a safer place to recover.