

Florence Nightingale: The Lady with the Lamp

Learning objective: To write a balanced biography of Florence Nightingale, explaining her significance in history and her impact on nursing.

Use this writing frame to organise your biography. Remember to use formal language, include key dates, and explain why her work was so important during the Crimean War.

Florence Nightingale is remembered as one of the most influential figures in the history of medicine, known widely as the founder of modern nursing.

Word bank: significantly · furthermore · consequently · however · in addition to · pioneering · hygiene · compassion · reformed · lasting legacy

1. Early Life and Ambitions: Describe Florence's childhood and what motivated her to become a nurse when she grew up. Start with: 'Born in 1820, Florence grew up in a wealthy family, but she felt a strong calling to...' (2 marks)

2. The Crimean War: Explain what Florence discovered when she arrived at the Barrack Hospital in Scutari. Start with: 'In 1854, Florence travelled to the Crimean War, where she was shocked to find that...' (3 marks)

3. Improving Hospital Conditions: Detail the specific changes Florence made to improve patient health. Start with: 'To help the wounded soldiers recover, Florence introduced better hygiene, such as...' (3 marks)

4. The Lady with the Lamp: Explain why this nickname became famous and how she supported the soldiers. Start with: 'At night, Florence walked through the wards carrying a lamp, which helped the soldiers feel...' (2 marks)

5. Her Lasting Legacy: Summarise why she is still remembered today. Start with: 'Florence Nightingale's work changed nursing forever because she proved that...' (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a soldier in the hospital at Scutari. Write a short diary entry describing the difference Florence Nightingale made to your daily life.