Ellie’s Florence Nightingale History Challenge

Learning objective: To recall and apply knowledge about the life, work, and impact of Florence Nightingale during the Crimean War.

Read the questions carefully and use your historical knowledge to answer. Remember, Ellie the Elephant never forgets a fact, so try your best to remember everything you have learned!

Answer Key: 1. C, 2. True, 3. Scutari, 4. B, 5. False, 6. Hygiene, 7. B, 8. True, 9. Statistics, 10. A. Ellie's Fun Fact: Florence Nightingale was also a brilliant mathematician who used pie charts to show how soldiers died from poor conditions rather than just battle wounds!

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

1. 1. In which war did Florence Nightingale serve as a nurse? A) World War I, B) The Napoleonic Wars, C) The Crimean War*, D) The Boer War (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Florence Nightingale was known as 'The Lady with the Lamp' because she checked on soldiers at night. (1 mark)

3. 3. What was the name of the hospital in Turkey where Florence Nightingale worked? (1 word) (1 mark)

4. 4. What was the main cause of the high death rate at the hospital before Florence arrived? A) Lack of blankets, B) Poor sanitation and hygiene*, C) Lack of medicine, D) Not enough food (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Florence Nightingale wrote a famous book called 'The History of Elephants'. (1 mark)

6. 6. What term describes the cleaning of hands, floors, and equipment to prevent disease? (1 word) (1 mark)

7. 7. How did Florence Nightingale improve the soldiers' recovery? A) By giving them more sleep, B) By cleaning the wards and improving ventilation*, C) By building more cannons, D) By sending them home early (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: After the war, Florence Nightingale helped set up a training school for nurses. (1 mark)

9. 9. What did Florence use to prove that better hospital conditions saved lives? (1 word) (1 mark)

10. 10. Which of these did Florence Nightingale NOT do? A) Command an army in battle*, B) Write letters for soldiers, C) Clean hospital wards, D) Improve hospital design (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of the lamp Florence Nightingale carried through the hospital corridors at night.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a nurse working with Florence Nightingale. Write a short diary entry (50-80 words) describing one change you made to the hospital today and how it helped the patients.