Florence Nightingale: The Lady with the Lamp

Learning objective: To write a biography about the life and impact of Florence Nightingale.

Use the prompts below to help you structure your biography. Remember to use capital letters for names and places, and include historical facts about Florence's life and her work in the Scutari hospital.

Florence Nightingale was a famous Victorian nurse who changed the way hospitals were run forever.

Word bank: nursing · hygiene · sanitation · hospital · Scutari · Crimean War · compassion · afterwards · furthermore · in addition · meanwhile

1. Early Life: Where was Florence born and what did she decide she wanted to do when she grew up? Start your sentence with: 'Florence was born in...' (2 marks)

2. The Crimean War: What did Florence see when she arrived at the hospital in Scutari? Start your sentence with: 'When Florence arrived at the hospital, she noticed that...' (2 marks)

3. Making Changes: What improvements did Florence make to keep the soldiers healthy? Start your sentence with: 'To help the soldiers get better, she introduced...' (3 marks)

4. The Lady with the Lamp: Why did the soldiers call her this nickname? Start your sentence with: 'The soldiers called her the Lady with the Lamp because...' (2 marks)

5. Legacy: Why is Florence Nightingale still remembered today? Start your sentence with: 'We remember Florence today because she...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a soldier in the hospital at Scutari. Write a short diary entry explaining how you feel now that Florence has made the wards cleaner and brighter.