Florence Nightingale: The Lady with the Lamp

Learning objective: To understand the historical significance of Florence Nightingale and the conditions of the Scutari hospital during the Crimean War.

Use your knowledge of the Crimean War to complete the drawing below. Use the word bank to label the key features of the hospital scene. Ensure your drawing shows the contrast between the environment and the care Florence provided.

Draw: Draw a scene inside the Scutari Hospital ward at night. The style should be clear and informative, like a historical illustration. Include rows of cots with soldiers, stone walls, and a small window showing the moon. Place Florence Nightingale in the middle of the room, holding a traditional oil lantern that casts a warm glow on the faces of the soldiers. Focus on adding labels from the word bank to identify the items you have drawn.

Label words: The Lamp · Sanitary conditions · Patient ward · Night rounds · Nurse's uniform · Scutari Hospital

Steps:

1. Why was the 'lamp' such an important symbol for the soldiers in the hospital? Explain your reasoning.

2. Label your drawing to show where the 'sanitary conditions' were improved compared to the state of the hospital when Florence first arrived.

3. Describe one specific change Florence Nightingale implemented to reduce the death rate at Scutari.
4. Step 1: Draw a simple floor plan of a hospital ward from the 1850s. Include rows of beds.
5. Step 2: Draw Florence Nightingale in the center of your ward holding her iconic lamp.