

Watch the story about Florence Nightingale.



Read the story and change the words in brackets to complete the sentences.

Florence Nightingale was born in 1820 to a rich family. Her parents expected her to marry and have a family. But Florence did not want a 1) _____ (mean) life. She wanted to help the sick and the poor. 2) _____ (event), she persuaded her father to let her become a nurse.

In 1854, England, France and Turkey went to war against Russia (the Crimean War). Reports began to reach England of the 3) _____ (terror) conditions soldiers were suffering in the army hospitals. Florence volunteered to go and help. When she arrived, she found thousands of ill and wounded soldiers living in filthy conditions.

The hospitals were 4) _____ (crowd) and unventilated. Soldiers lay without proper food, bedding and clothing. There was a lack of basic medical supplies like bandages and medicine. Rats and sewage filled the hospital corridors. Soldiers were dying in the thousands, not from their wounds but from the unsanitary conditions. Florence cleaned up the hospital, made sure the men were fed 5) _____ (proper), and saw that supplies were available. She worked almost around the clock looking after the soldiers.

Florence soon became known as 'the Lady with the Lamp' for her 7) _____ (dedicate) to caring for her patients. News of her hard work in Crimea filtered back to London. She became a celebrity. By the time she arrived back in London, she was the most 8) _____ (fame) person in Britain after Queen Victoria.

After the war, Florence continued to work to improve conditions in hospitals. She even established a school for nursing and wrote an 9) _____ (influence) book on the profession. She also became an important 10) _____ (consult) on health issues. In fact, it was her work after the war that changed medical care forever.

In her later years, Florence suffered from ill health. She died in 1910, at the age of ninety.

Why was Florence called "The Lady With the Lamp"



How important was Florence Nightingale's work?



Is it TRUE, FALSE or NOT STATED.

1. Florence was born in a rich family.
2. She wanted to marry a rich man.
3. She wanted to work in an English hospital.
4. Florence's mother persuade her to become a nurse.
5. Florence volunteered to help the soldiers in the Crimea.
6. She also went to Turkey to help in the hospital.
7. In the hospital there were thousands of ill and wounded soldiers.
8. In the hospitals there was a lot of food and medical supplies.
9. The conditions in the hospital were unsanitary.
10. "The Lady with the Lamp" was given to Florence by the soldiers.
11. She became the celebrity in London.
12. Florence wrote a lot of books on the nurse profession.
13. The war has changed her life forever.
14. It was her work that changed medical care forever.

Complete the Fact File about Florence Nightingale.

Place/date of birth: _____

Early years: _____

Later years: _____

Achievements: _____

Date of death: _____