

# Florence Nightingale

Florence was born on 12th May 1820 in Florence, Italy. She was born into a rich family and they moved to England in 1821.

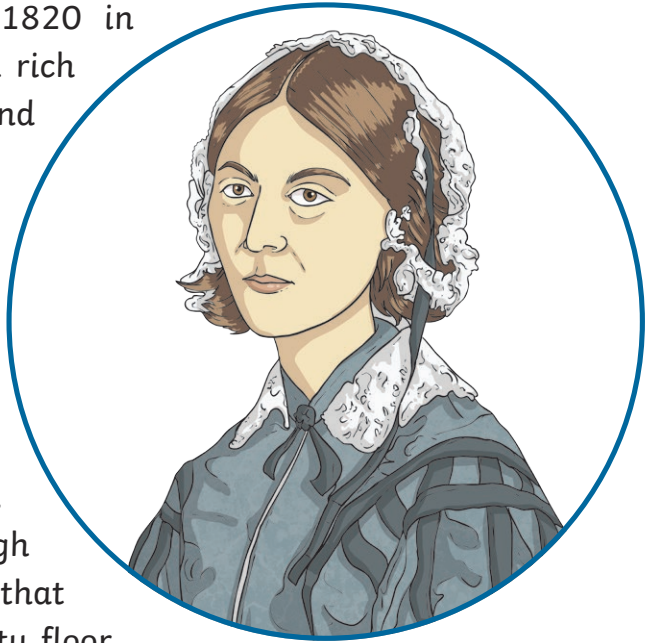
As a young woman, Florence heard God telling her to care for others, so she became a nurse.

## Florence and the Crimean War

The war began in 1853 and Florence was keen to go and help.

At the hospital, there weren't enough medicines or beds, which meant that some soldiers had to rest on the dirty floor.

Men were dying from infections, food was mouldy and there were no toilets, which caused a terrible smell. Florence and the other nurses cleaned the hospital and made sure they washed their hands to stop spreading germs. Florence also organised better food for the soldiers. These changes helped to save many lives.



## Did You Know?

Florence was given a nickname by the soldiers. They called her 'The Lady with the Lamp' because she walked around the wards at night with her lantern.

## Meeting the Queen

Florence told Queen Victoria about the problems with the Army hospitals. The Army started training doctors and conditions in hospitals got better.

## Later in Life

The Nightingale Training School was set up in 1860 and started training nurses.

In 1883, Florence was given the Royal Red Cross by Queen Victoria. She died in London on 13th August, 1910.



# Questions

1. In which country was Florence born?

- England
- Ireland
- Italy
- Spain

2. Florence became a...

- doctor
- nurse
- soldier
- vet

3. List three things that were wrong with the hospital she worked in during the war.

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4. She was known as 'The Lady with the...

- lamb
- medicine
- love
- lamp

5. When did the Crimean War begin?

- 1843
- 1854
- 1845
- 1853

6. Who was queen during most of Florence Nightingale's life?

- Queen Elizabeth I
- Queen Elizabeth II
- Queen Victoria
- Queen Mary

7. Number these statements 1 to 4 in the order they appear in the text.

Florence believed she heard God telling her to care for others.

She was given the Royal Red Cross by Queen Victoria.

Her family moved back to England in 1821.

Florence was given a nickname by the soldiers.

8. How did Florence help to make improvements to the hospital she worked in during the war?

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