

# Significant People: Florence Nightingale



Florence Nightingale  
(a.k.a. 'The Lady of the Lamp')

**Born:** 1820      **Died:** 1910  
Florence Nightingale was a nurse who lived in the Victorian Era.  
Florence was a Christian and felt God had told her to become a nurse. Her family didn't want her to do it, but she trained anyway.  
This term we will be looking at her life, what hospitals were like when she started nursing and how she made them better.

## Key words:

**Crimean War:** The war in Turkey that Florence was a nurse in.

**Infection:** An illness caused by germs spreading.

**Hospital:** A place that people go when they are poorly to get better.

**Medicine:** Something that is given to a person to make them better.

**Nurse:** Someone who looks after people in hospital and helps make them better.

**Patient:** Someone who is ill in hospital.

**Red Cross:** The award given to Florence for the amazing things she did.

## What I already know:

In the UK, all people are able to go to hospital and get the medicine they need to make them better.

The NHS is the organisation that runs our hospitals.

Nurses are kind and want to make you better.

Hospitals are clean and safe places.

History is a lesson where we look at the past. We also look at how things in the past change the present (today).

So far, we have looked at History up to when our Great-Grandparents were children (about 80 years ago).

At the end of this unit I should be able to answer the following questions...

When was Florence Nightingale born?

Was she rich or poor?

What did Florence Nightingale do?

What were hospitals like when she began?

How did she help hospitals get better?

What was the impact of all she did?

UK  
(Where Florence Nightingale lived)



Turkey  
(Where the Crimean War took place)