

# Florence Nightingale

Florence Nightingale was a nurse in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. She saved many lives.

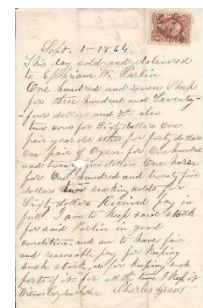


She wanted to help people. Her family were worried about her becoming a nurse because hospitals during that time were dirty. She loved learning about nursing even though it was extremely hard work. In 1854, many soldiers fought in the Crimean War. Many were injured or died. Florence helped them, working tirelessly to make the



hospital cleaner and safer. She gave the patients fresh food, cleaned the hospital beds and used clean bandages on

wounds. Because of this, fewer patients died. Florence talked to the injured soldiers. She helped them write letters to their families. When Florence returned to



England, people saw her as a great hero because of her amazing work. She continued to work hard in Britain to improve hospitals. As a result, she was the first woman to receive the Order of Merit medal.

## Questions

1. Why was Florence's family worried about her being a nurse?

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2. Which war did Florence Nightingale help in?

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3. What does the word *tirelessly* mean?

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4. How did Florence improve the hospitals?

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5. What did Florence put on the wounds of patients?

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6. What did the Florence receive when she returned to Britain?

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