The life of Florence Nightingale by Alfie and Tanya

Florence's Early Life

Florence Nightingale was born in 1820 with her parents and she was named after a city in Italy after where she was born. She had a big sister called Parthenope who was two year older than her.

Growing Up

As Florence grew she felt that god was calling her to help people so she wanted to help people. she had a sister called Parthanope and she really annoyed Florence when she was reading. She always skipped around Florence when she was reading, Florence was annoyed by her sister.

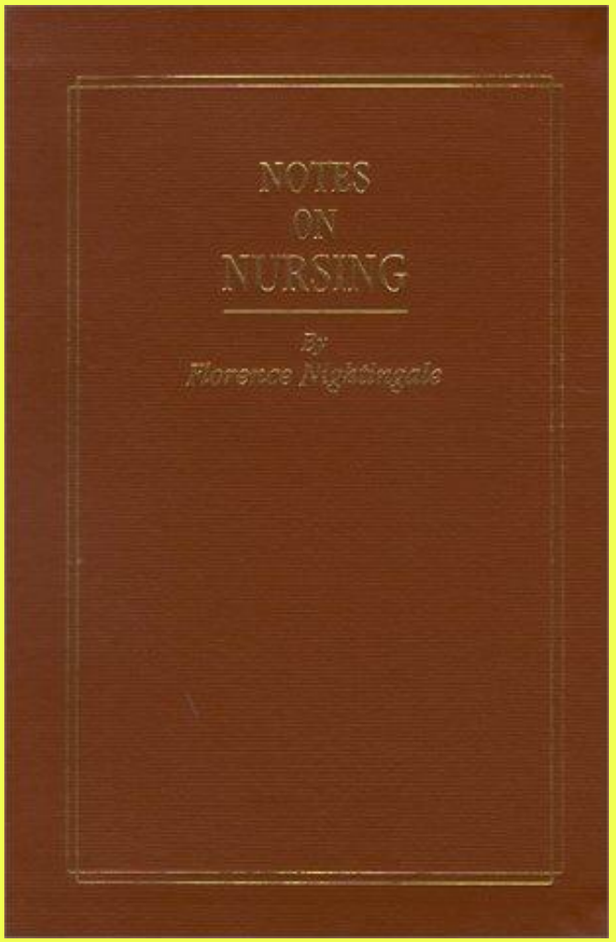
Florence's Nursing Career

When she became a nurse, she went to the Crimean war and opened up her own hospital. In the war she helped injured soldiers and the hospital there was was dirty and unhygienic. She cleaned the hospital with her team of nurses, made the food better for the soldiers, gave them clean beds and blankets to use, running water and clean bandages. The soldiers started to get better instead of dying.

Did you know?
The soldiers nicknamed Florence as the Lady with the Lamp as she checked on them in the middle of the night with a lantern.

Florence's Later Life

In 1907, Florence was awarded the Order of Merit. She was the first ever woman to be awarded this. In her old age, Florence wrote a book called Notes about Nursing. Every year on her birthday on the 12th May, we celebrate International Nurses Day.



The end of Florence's life

In 1910, at the age of 90, Florence died peacefully in her bed. We remember her today because she was one of the best nurses who ever lived. If it wasn't for her, lots more soldiers would have died during the Crimean War. Nurses can still go to school today to learn how to be a nurse where Florence did.