

The Lady with the Lamp **By Kadi and Lowan**



Florence Nightingale was born in 1820. She had an annoying big sister called Parthenope. She lived with a rich family . Her mum and dad wanted her to marry a rich person but Florence said no. She wanted to be a nurse.



Florence went to Germany to train how to be a nurse. When she came back, she started to work in a hospital to help people. In 1854 she heard about all of the soldiers dying in the Crimean War and wanted to help. She left England with a team of nurses and set off to Scutari.

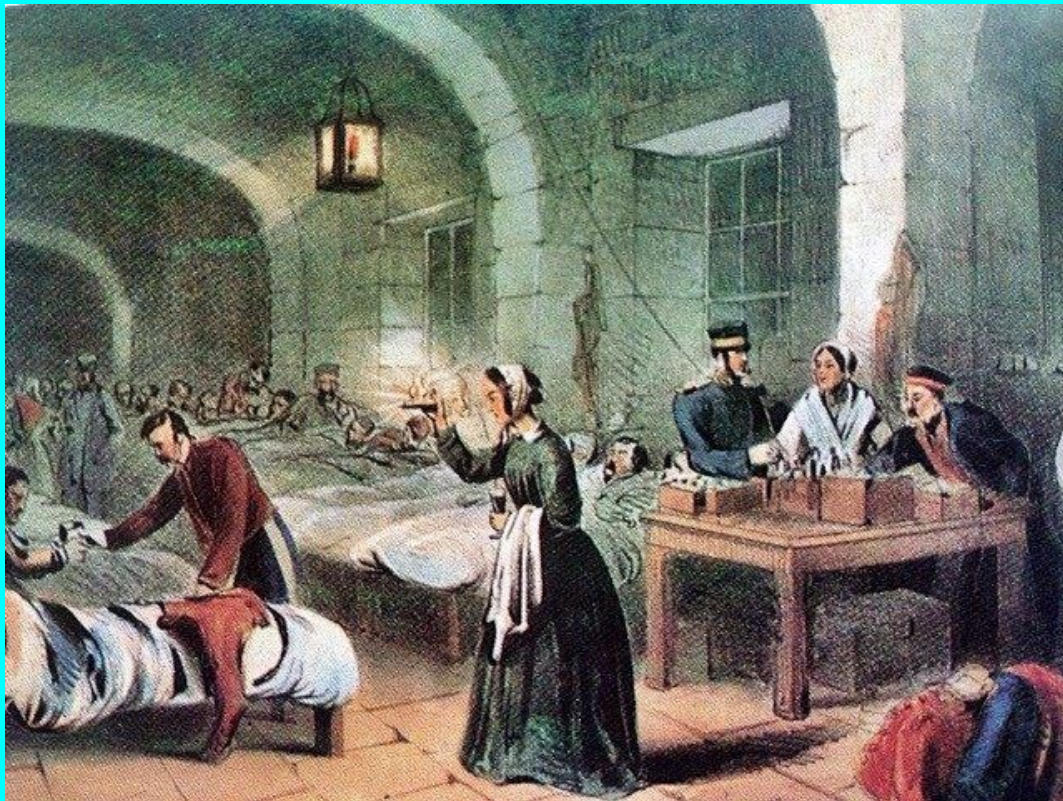


When Florence got to Scutari and saw the hospital she was disgusted. The hospital was so dirty and smelly. There were rats everywhere and mouldy food and no clean water. Soldiers had to sleep on the floor and the soldiers were dying because they had no clean bandages on.



Florence made the hospital better. She gave the soldiers healthy food to eat, clean water to drink, beds to sleep in and clean bandages to help them to get better.

Florence and the nurses made sure that the rats disappeared and the floors were mopped clean of blood and germs so that soldiers could get better.



She was nicknamed Lady with the Lamp by the soldiers as she checked on them in the middle of the night with a lantern.

When Florence got back home she was famous for helping the soldiers. She was given a medal called the Order of Merit before she died. She died in 1910 at the age of 90.

