

# The Lady with the Lamp



By Lacey and Megan

Florence Nightingale was born in 1820 and she was named after the city where she was born. She lived with her mum and dad and big sister Parthenope. She was two years older than Florence.

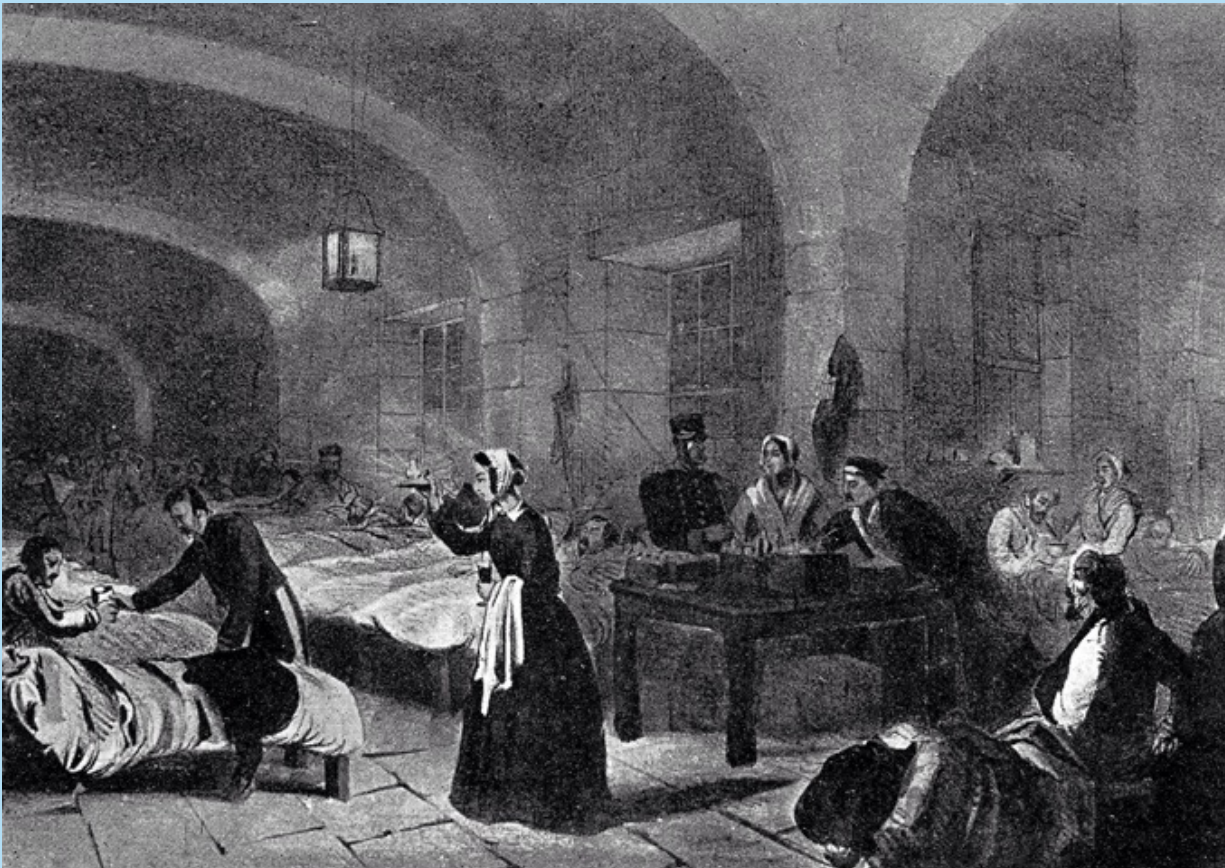


When Florence was growing up her daddy was her teacher. She liked History and Maths. One day she decided that she wanted to be a nurse but her mum and dad wanted her to get married and marry a rich man and have children. Florence said NO WAY!





Florence went to the Crimean War in 1854 and when she got there the hospital was horrible, dirty and smelly. Rats were everywhere and soldiers were dying because it was so dirty. Florence and her team of lovely nurses made it better for the soldiers. They gave them beds to sleep in, food to eat and clean clothes and bandages.



Soldiers called her Lady with the Lamp because she was so kind and looked after them.

After the war, Florence came home and opened a school to teach people how to be nurses. She wrote books about nursing and was awarded lots of medals. The Red Cross in 1883 and the Order of Merit in 1907. She died in London in 1910 when she was 90 years old.

