



# Florence Nightingale

Florence Nightingale was born in Italy. Her family were extremely wealthy. She had a sister called Parthenope. Florence Nightingale knew that she wanted to be a nurse but her mum and dad would not let her.



## Florence's Pets

Florence went travelling before she became a nurse. When she was in Greece, she rescued an owl and she called it Athena, inspired by the city of Athens. Athena liked sitting on Florence's shoulder.



## How did Florence change the hospitals?

Before Florence arrived in Turkey, the hospitals were dirty and unhygienic. They had no beds and no soap. The soldiers in the hospitals were getting worse instead of getting better.



Florence worked to make the hospitals safer and cleaner. They got beds, clean bandages and healthy food.

## Key vocabulary

<b>Victorian era</b>	A period of time between 1837-1901 when Queen Victoria was the queen of England.
<b>heroine</b>	A brave woman who we admire.
<b>bookworm</b>	Someone who reads a lot.
<b>Crimean War</b>	A war that was fought between 1853 and 1856. On one side were Britain, France and Turkey and on the other side was Russia.

## The Royal Red Cross

The Royal Red Cross medal was introduced by Queen Victoria. Florence Nightingale was the first person to receive a Royal Red Cross medal.



1820	1851	1853	1854	1855	1859	1883	1910
Florence was born in Florence, Italy.	Florence became a nurse.	The Crimean War started.	Florence travelled to Turkey and made sure the hospitals were clean.	Florence came back to England as a heroine.	Florence opened a training school for nurses in London.	Queen Victoria awarded Florence the Royal Red Cross medal.	Florence died age 90.