



# Florence Nightingale

The Lady with  
the Lamp

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- Born in Florence in 1820
- First helped a sick dog with a broken leg
- Loved her dolls
- One day she visited a hospital
- **THIS CHANGED HER LIFE**

# Hospitals in 1830's

Often people who  
went into hospital

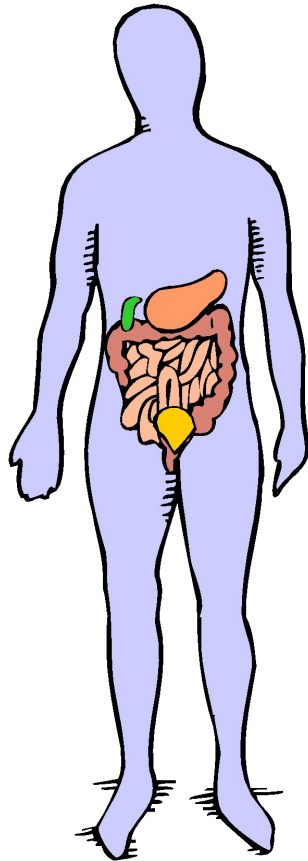
- They were Dirty

Badly run

Nurses didn't know  
what to do



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- Parents did not want her to become a nurse
- She studied medicine books herself for years
- She was 30 when her parents let her go to Germany and Paris to study nursing

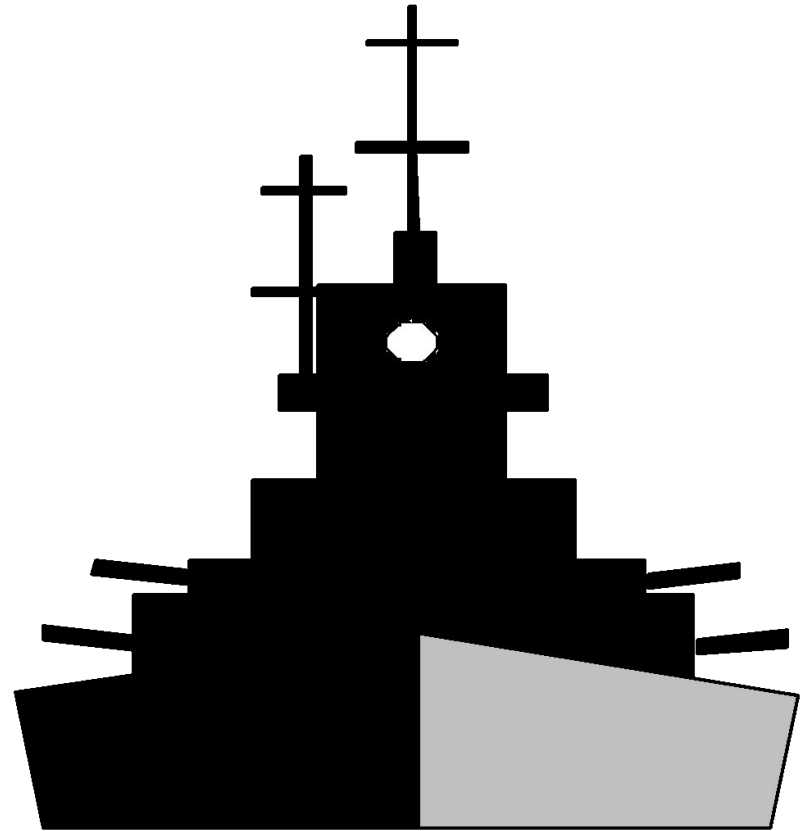
# Crimean War

- Broke out when Florence 34 was years old
- War Russia v Turkey(Britain and France)
- Reports were coming through about terrible conditions in hospitals



# Florence leaves London

- No cheering
- No crowds
- "You'll be back,"  
her family said



# She got to work

- Scrubbed the floors
- Cleaned the wards
- Washed the bedclothes
- Made the men comfortable



National Institutes of Health/Corbis (IH019486)



- In the night she carried a lamp so she was called "The Lady with the Lamp"
- Soldiers kissed her shadow



They began to get better  
Sitting up, cheerful and  
happier!



# Letter from Queen Victoria



- Thanking "Miss Nightingale and her ladies" for all their hard work

- She was given a diamond brooch with 'Blessed are the merciful' engraved on it





# Florence Nightingale

died in 1910, age 90



- Until recently her picture was on our British £10 note



- She was famous all over the world
- She changed hospitals all over the world
- There is a museum in London which celebrates her life and work

