

Florence Nightingale - Her Character and Life

Florence Nightingale was born in Victorian times to a wealthy family. Do you know why she was called Florence? It is because her parents were travelling in Italy and she is named after the city that they were in when she was born.

What a clever and hardworking girl Florence was! As a child she often spent time studying and reading books instead of playing, however she was kind and considerate towards her sister. She was religious and in 1837 she believed that God was telling her to use her sympathetic nature and become a nurse to care for others.

She studied hard and her ambitious nature meant that she was in charge of the medical centre for Women in London. Do you think she stayed there for the rest of her working life? No. When the Crimean broke out she was so determined that she travelled to Scutari to improve the poor hospital conditions for the wounded soldiers.



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