## **Florence Nightingale**

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Directions: Underline the words in the story as you find them, unscramble them and write them in the boxes below. Florence Nightingale was the daughter of a well-to-do family in England. They wanted her to become a socialite, Florence however had other plans. By the time she was 12, she was determined to "do something worthwhile". She liked books. She enjoyed caring for sick farmers on her father's estate. At the age of 16, she was sure that God was calling her to serve others. She used every spare minute to learn from nursing books she had secretly obtained. She visited hospitals in London and the surrounding area. Her parents didn't want her working in those "dirty" hospitals, but she was determined. They did many things to try to change her mind. She finally reached an agreement with her father. If he would let her go to Kaiserwerth hospital in Germany to study, she wouldn't tell anyone her plans. This way, her family wouldn't have to be "embarrassed" by her actions. She was an excellent student, and after her graduation, she returned to London and got a job running a hospital. During the Crimean War, she was put in charge of nursing. She went to the battlefield with 38 nurses. She carried a lamp as she walked the halls of the battlefield hospital and became known as the "lady with the lamp". She saved thousands of lives. People called her a ministering angel in the hospitals, but she herself became ill with a disease she got there. During the Civil War, the United States asked her advice about setting up military hospitals. She became known as the founder of modern nursing.

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