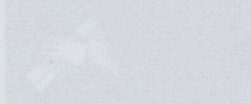


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Hospital in Germany and in Paris. At that time work like this was considered "unladylike". However, she decided to take her fate into her own hands, and soon she became an expert in England.

When the Crimean War began in 1854 she was asked to go to Scutari in Turkey and, in November, she arrived at the hospital with about thirty nurses. They took care of wounded soldiers. No woman had ever had such a position before. They found terrible conditions: there were no medicines, no beds, no bedding. There was no proper drainage system and the smell was frightful; there was no hot water. Worst of all, the doctors had no authority to make the government departments provide what was needed. Under the most horrible circumstances, she was able to work as her position. She saved the lives of thousands of



lives. She became the most famous woman in the world because of her work during the war, but she would not allow it.

After the war she went to a good health. In spite of this, she devoted her time to improving the military medical system. She wrote a book called "Notes on Nursing" and she was asked to advise by many hospitals in England. She set up the first nursing school at the St. Thomas Hospital in London in 1860 and the nurses' home as well. The training which was planned by her set a new standard of discipline, good behaviour, and nursing skill. No pupil was to be admitted without a certificate of good character. She also wrote the first textbook for the new profession, "Notes on Nursing". It was translated into many languages and helped to spread the ideas of nursing as a profession. Thanks to her, before the end of the 19th century nursing was thought of as one of the noblest professions a woman could follow.

1. Florence Nightingale was born in 1820 in Florence, Italy. She was the daughter of a wealthy family. She was educated at home and then at a boarding school in Germany. She was a very intelligent and ambitious young woman.

2. Florence Nightingale was a pioneer in the field of nursing. She was the first woman to be appointed as a nurse in the British Army. She was also the first woman to be appointed as a nurse in the Royal Navy. She was a very successful and influential nurse.

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