Florence Nightingale was born in Florence, Italy in 1820.	This is what Florence looked like when she lived with her parents.	Florence had two homes, Lea Hurst in Derbyshire for the summer
and Embley Park in Hampshire for the winter.	Florence visited the sick people near where she lived.	Florence decided she wanted to be a nurse.

In 1851, Florence Nightingale trained to be a nurse in Germany.	Florence decided to go to the Crimean War to help in hospitals.	Florence had to take other nurses with her.
Florence went to Crimea and worked in dirty hospitals.	Florence was not allowed to help the doctors to begin with, but	the doctors realised they needed her help.



The first thing Florence did was clean the hospital.	The next thing she did was give the soldiers bed to sleep on.	Then she gave the soldiers good food. This helped them get better quicker.
The soldiers were pleased that Florence was there to help them get better.	They gave her a special name. They called her The Lady With the Lamp.	At the end of the Crimean War, Florence returned to England.

This allowed her to start the first modern training school for nurses at St. Thomas Hospital in 1860.	Florence Nightingale became known as the founder of modern nursing.	Florence had worked so hard in the Crimea, Queen Victoria wanted to meet her.
Florence Nightingale continued working with nurses and in hospitals.	As she got older Florence nursed her family when they were sick. They called her The Lady With the Lamp.	In 1910 Florence became very ill and died. Florence is buried at St. Margaret's in East Wellow.