

# The Crimean War 1853-1856



- The Crimean War took place between 1853 and 1856.
- The war was fought between Imperial Russia against an alliance that included Britain and France .
- Crimea is located in Europe, by the Black Sea.
- It is close to the Ukraine, Turkey and Russia.



# Map of Europe



# Battle of Balaklava (October 1854)

## Charge of the Light Brigade





# Hospitals in Turkey

- Lots of soldiers were wounded in the Crimean War, and in Britain there were newspaper reports of the terrible conditions wounded soldiers were suffering at the Barrack Hospital in Scutari in Turkey:
- many of the wounded were not washed
- they slept in overcrowded, dirty rooms
- they had to lie on bare floors
- they were given only one meal a day to eat
- the food was often old and rotten
- there were no toilets
- there were rats running around the wards

# The Barrack Hospital at Scutari





# Florence Nightingale (1820-1910)



- She was born on 12 May 1820 in Florence, Italy.
- Before Florence's time, people did not know that disease is caused by germs, and that germs grow best in dirty conditions. Victorian hospitals were dirty and full of germs.
- She decided to become a nurse after visiting a hospital in Germany when she was 19.
- Her parents did not want her to be a nurse.
- In 1853 she became the manager of a hospital in London, and made many improvements.



- In 1853 the Crimean War began – England, France and Turkey were fighting against Russia.
- In November 1854, The government asked Florence to take a group of nurses out to the Crimea to help the wounded at Scutari hospital.
- At first, the doctors at Scutari did not want the nurses to go near the wounded soldiers. So the women cleaned the hospital instead. Then they organized a kitchen and made tasty soups for them.
- Soon, the doctors asked Florence and her nurses to help look after the men.
- Each night, Florence made her rounds of the hospital with a lamp in her hand. She cared for the soldiers and made them feel better.
- Back in England, people heard about "The Lady with the Lamp". She became very famous.





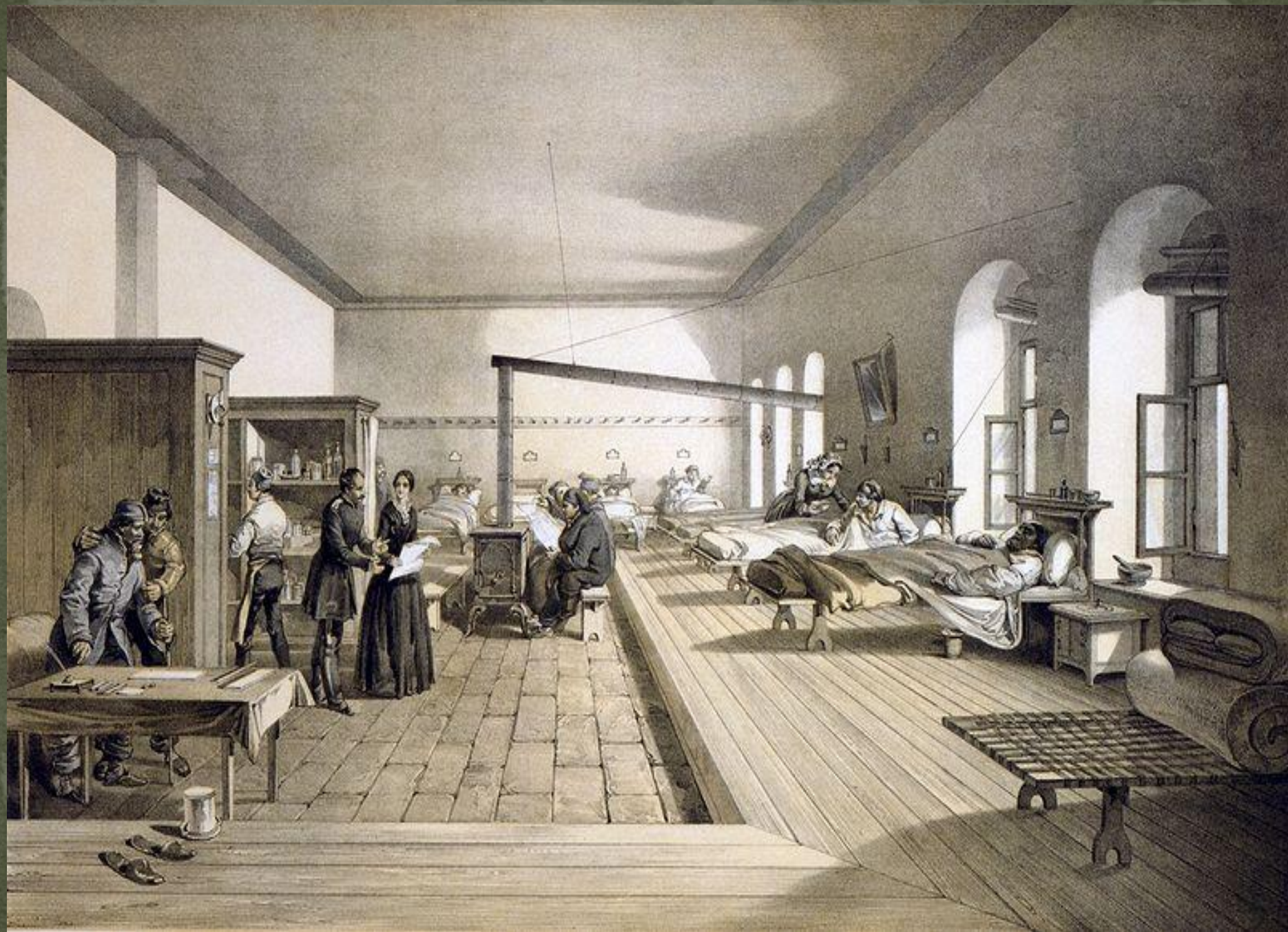




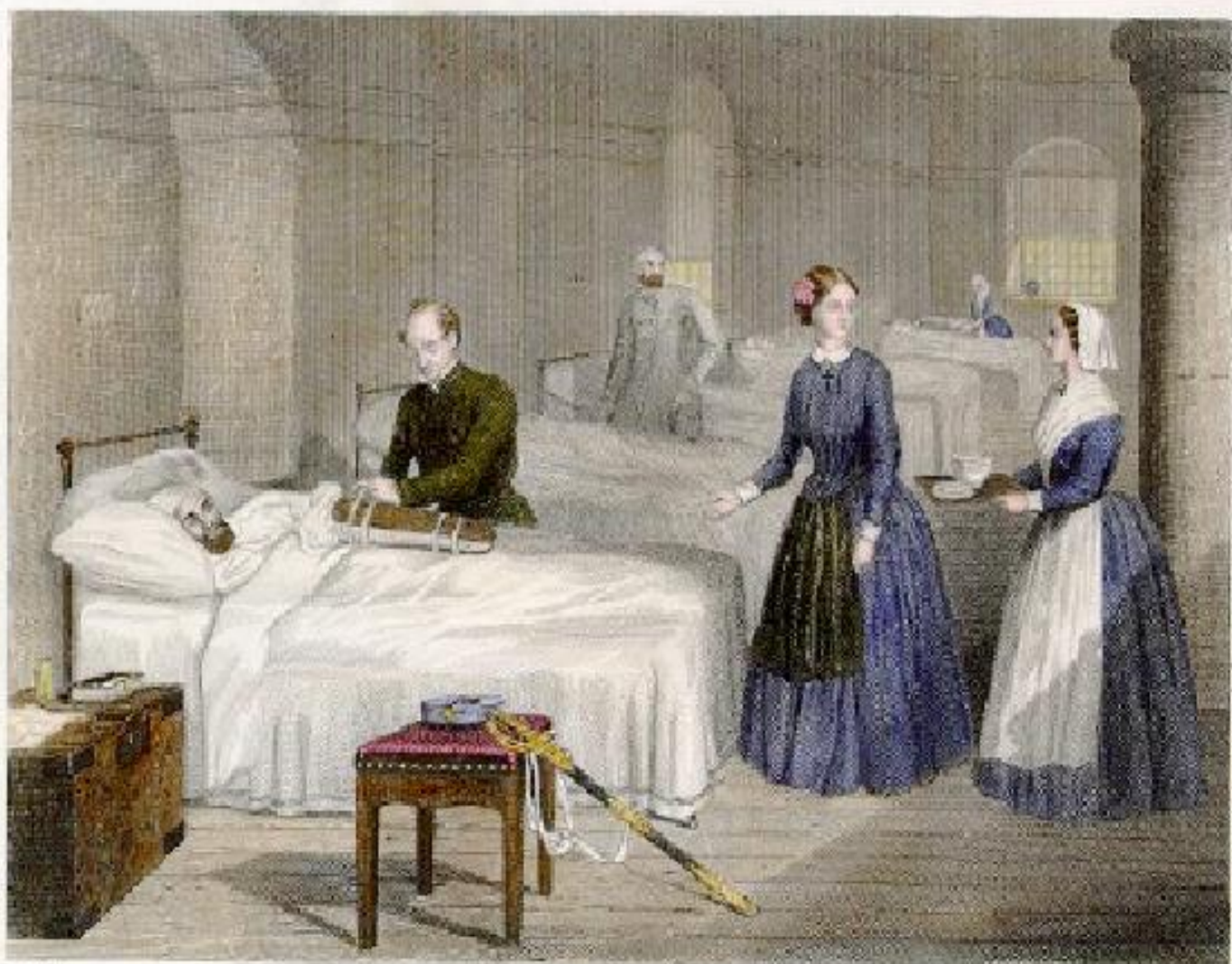












MISS NIGHTINGALE  
IN THE  
HOSPITAL AT SOUTHERN

# Florence Nightingale (1820-1910)

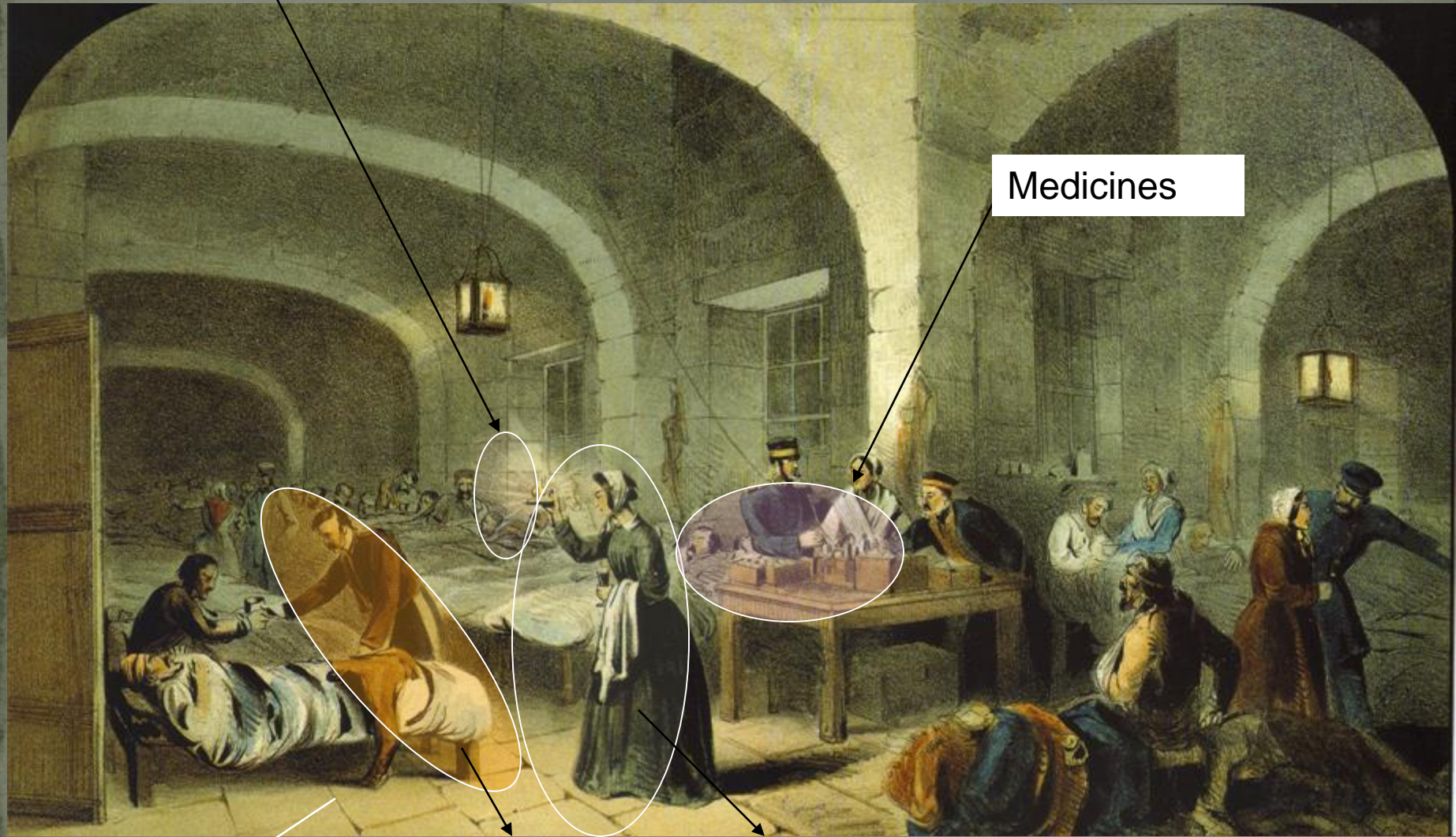




Plenary

At night they  
used lamps

## Florence soon started changing things



Medicines

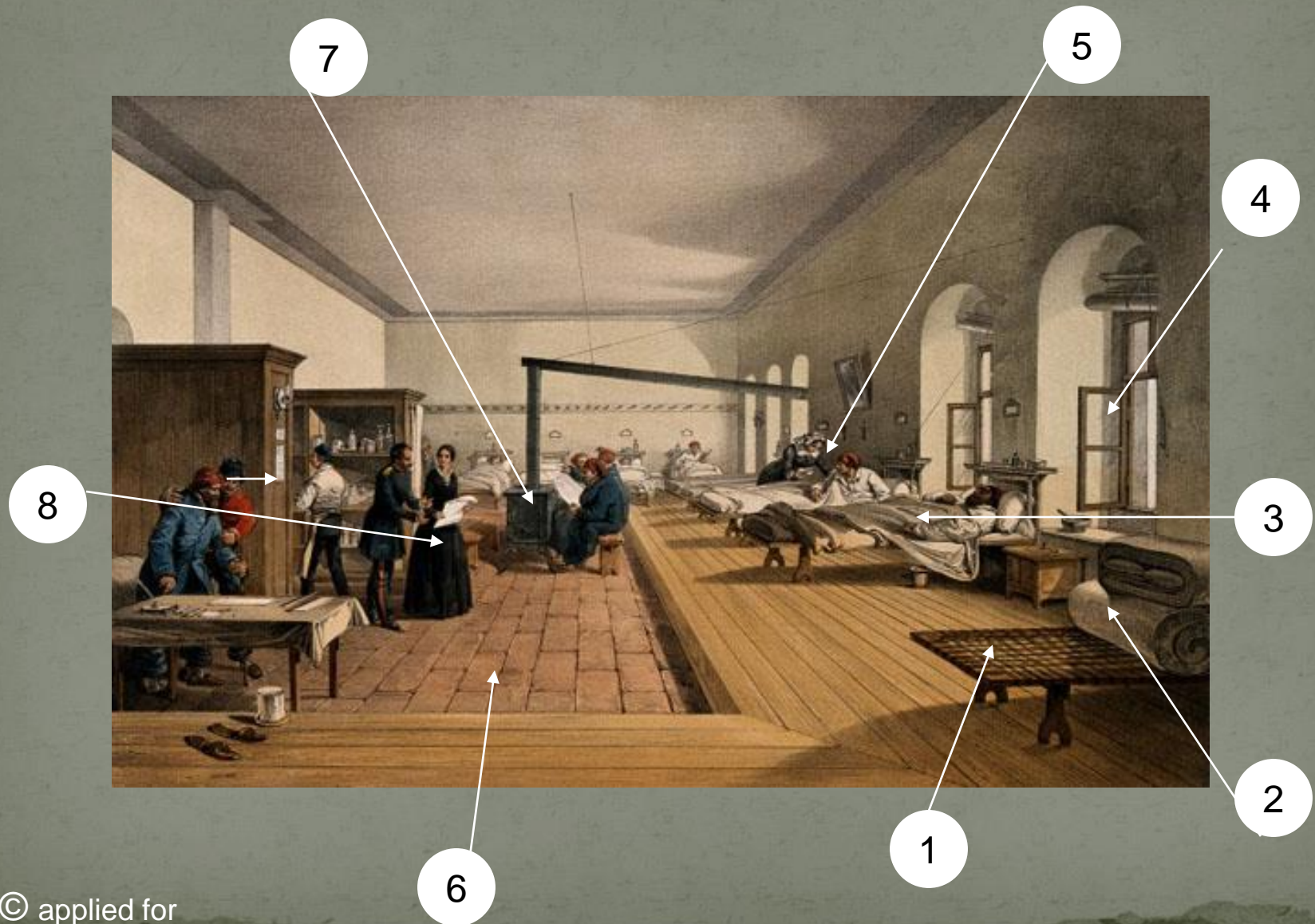
Clean floors

Tidy rows of  
beds

Proper nurses who cared



Can you label the changes Florence made?



# Can you match the numbers?

- Clean floors
- Patients are comfortable, mattresses on the bed
- Proper beds
- Fresh air
- Clean sheets
- Warm blankets
- Nurses
- Plenty of space
- The ward has a big heater in the middle.
- Nurses are organised by Florence