**Introduction and Index to…**

**Theme: Florence Nightingale, for Grades 2 to 6**

This theme consists of 18 lessons on Florence Nightingale and others who lived at the same time. A summary of the theme’s content can be seen in the index below. The theme is also available as two separate files—one including lessons 1 to 11, and a second including lessons 12 to 18.

The theme is designed for cross-curricular teaching of all subjects--including literacy, reading, writing, spelling, role playing and drama, science, geography, history, art and technology, music, math, dance and movement, and Circle Time. It was written primarily for lower-grade primary-school students, but it can be adapted and enriched for higher grades.

The theme is based on United States grammar and spelling. As teacher, you are free to adapt spelling appropriate for any other curriculum. Some teachers may want to add or subtract material to or from the lessons or use fewer than 18 lessons. Teachers may also wish to customize the theme in other ways for their environment and location.

Florence Nightingale was born in Italy, grew up in England, and traveled and studied in Germany. Relevant information on the three countries can be found in separate “Passport to the World” files.

**Lesson Index**

**A. Florence Nightingale**

1. Why was Florence Nightingale famous?

2. Background information on Florence Nightingale

3. What is being a nurse like?

4. Where is the Crimea?

5. Listening to Florence speaking

6. Hospitals of the past and present

7. Sequencing events in Florence Nightingale’s life

8. Role playing on Florence Nightingale

**B. People who lived at the same time as Florence Nightingale**

9. Mary Seacole, Jamaican nurse

10. Queen Victoria: Queen of England 1837-1901 and Empress of India 1876-1901

11. Clara Barton: American nurse and founder of the American Red Cross

12. Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone

13. Louis Braille developed a system that enabled blind people to read

14. Mark Twain, author of “Tom Sawyer” and “Huckleberry Finn”

15. Helen Keller paved the way for deafblind people

16. Thomas Edison invented the electric light bulb

17. Jean François Champollion was the first Westerner to decipher Egyptian hieroglyphics

18. Scientist Albert Einstein discovered the theory of relativity

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