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Quick Questions

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Answers

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Accept: she was named Florence after the city in Italy where she was born
2. Which word means the same as 'regarded by people to be good'?
Accept: 'respectable'.
3. Why do you think Florence wrote over 200 books and pamphlets?
Accept an explanation focusing on so her need to educate others: she opened a nursing school / her efforts to improve hygiene within hospitals.
4. Why has the author used bold sub-headings?
Accept any reasonable explanation that this is a fact sheet and the bold sub-headings allow readers to find the information they require without having to read the whole passage.

