

Clara Barton

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Directions: Underline the words in the story as you find them, unscramble them and write them in the boxes below. Clara Barton was born to a farm family in Oxford, Massachusetts. Even as a child, she wanted to help others. She was homeschooled by her brothers and sisters. While she was still a teenager she became a teacher and taught school for about fourteen years. She wanted to teach the children who could not afford to pay. She soon had 600 students! Her next job was working as a clerk in the Patent Office in Washington, D.C. When the Civil War started, she wanted to help the soldiers, so she resigned her job at the Patent Office. She got permission from the War Department to go to the front lines of the battlefield to care for the soldiers herself. She was called the Angel of the Battlefield. Following the Civil War she was able to reunite thousands of soldiers and their families. Next she joined the relief effort in the war between France and Prussia. In Europe they had an organization called the International Red Cross. She saw the good work they were doing, and when she returned to America three years later, she began working to get a Red Cross established in the United States. At first the Red Cross only served soldiers, but Clara saw that others needed help when floods, earthquakes, and other disasters occurred. Today we see the Red Cross at work when we have disasters such as the attack on the World Trade Center in 2001, and most recently the disaster in New Orleans and along the Gulf Coast due to hurricane Katrina in 2005. The dedication and generosity of one woman, Clara Barton, has had far-reaching effects.

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