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


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How to Use This Product *(cont.)*

Readability Chart				
Text	Star	Circle	Square	Triangle
Benjamin Franklin	1.8	2.4	3.3	4.6
George Washington	1.8	2.0	2.9	4.2
Daniel Boone	1.8	2.4	3.5	4.4
Thomas Jefferson	1.6	2.0	2.9	4.5
Abraham Lincoln	1.8	2.0	2.9	4.2
Harriet Tubman	1.3	1.9	3.3	4.7
Clara Barton	1.8	2.1	3.2	4.4
Alexander Graham Bell	1.7	2.3	3.6	4.7
George Washington Carver	1.8	2.2	3.1	4.4
Eleanor Roosevelt	1.5	2.1	3.1	4.5
Amelia Earhart	1.8	2.1	3.3	4.9
Jackie Robinson	1.8	2.2	3.6	4.3
César Chávez	1.8	2.3	3.7	5.1
Martin Luther King Jr.	1.8	1.9	3.5	4.4
Neil Armstrong	1.8	2.4	3.5	4.6

Clara Barton

Clara Barton was born in 1821. Once, her brother fell off a roof. Clara was 11. She stayed home from school for two years. She took care of him. She liked nursing.

Clara became a teacher. She was good at it. She started the first public school in New Jersey. How? She taught for free!

Nurse Clara

The Civil War started in 1861. There were no trained nurses in America! Clara wanted to help.

Clara was called the “Angel of the Battlefield.” Many men were shot. Some got sick. Clara took care of them all. She worked very hard. Sometimes she got hurt. Her clothes were hit by bullets twice. President Lincoln gave her a medal.

Later, Clara went to Europe. She heard about the Geneva Convention. It was a treaty. It said that hospitals could fly a Red Cross flag. No one would shoot at it. Red Cross workers would help soldiers from all sides. Clara liked this. She wanted the United States to sign the treaty.

But Clara worked too hard. She got sick. She almost went blind.



Clara and the Red Cross

Clara wanted the Red Cross to be in America. But people said they did not need it. They said there would be no more wars. Clara said the group could help with any disaster.

In 1881, she started the American Red Cross. There were huge fires. More than 5,000 people lost their homes. The American Red Cross helped them. Six months later, the U.S. president signed the Geneva Convention!

Clara led the American Red Cross for 22 years. The group still helps those in need. Americans have help during hard times. Clara would be glad.



What Did You Learn?

Why did Clara Barton create the American Red Cross?

Clara Barton

Clara Barton was born in 1821. When she was 11, her brother fell off a roof. Clara stayed home from school for two years. She took care of him. She liked nursing.

Clara became a teacher. She was good at it. She started the first public school in New Jersey. How? She taught for free!

Nurse Clara

The Civil War started in 1861. There were no trained nurses in America! Clara wanted to help. She was called the “Angel of the Battlefield.” Many men were hurt and sick and Clara took care of them all. Sometimes she got hurt. Her clothes were hit by bullets twice. President Lincoln gave her a medal.

Later, Clara went to Europe. There she heard about the Geneva Convention, which was a treaty. It said that hospitals could fly a Red Cross flag. They could not be shot at. Red Cross workers would help any soldier. It did not matter which side he was on. Clara liked this idea so she worked to get the United States to sign the treaty.

But Clara worked too hard at nursing. She got sick and almost went blind.



Clara and the Red Cross

Clara wanted the Red Cross to be in America. But people said they did not need it. They said there would be no more wars. Clara said the group could help with any kind of disaster.

Clara started the American Red Cross in 1881. Soon, fires broke out. More than 5,000 people lost their homes. The American Red Cross helped them. News of the group's good work spread fast. Six months later, the U.S. president signed the Geneva Convention!

Clara led the American Red Cross for 22 years. The group still helps those in need. Americans have help during hard times. Clara would be glad.



What Did You Learn?

What caused Clara Barton to create the American Red Cross?

Clara Barton

Clara Barton was born on Christmas Day in 1821. When she was 11 years old, her brother David fell off a roof. Clara stayed home from school for two years to care for him. She discovered that she enjoyed nursing.

Clara became a teacher in a one-room school. A few years later, she started the first public school in New Jersey. How? She offered to teach for free!

Nurse Clara

The Civil War started in 1861. There were no trained nurses in America! She wanted to help. Clara was called the “Angel of the Battlefield.” She took care of soldiers who were injured or ill. She was very brave. She burned her hand. She got frostbite on her fingers. Her clothing was struck by bullets two times. President Lincoln gave her a medal.

Later, Clara took a trip to Europe. On her trip she learned about the Geneva Convention. This treaty said that hospitals flying a Red Cross flag could not be fired upon. Also, Red Cross workers would help any soldier in need. It didn’t matter which side he was on.

But Clara became ill and almost went blind. So she went to New York to live. Clara believed in the Geneva Convention and wanted the United States to sign it.



Clara and the Red Cross

Clara wanted to bring the Red Cross to America. Americans did not think that they needed it. People said there would never be another war. Clara observed that the group could help with any kind of disaster.

Clara started the American Red Cross in 1881. A month later, fires broke out leaving more than 5,000 people without a home. The American Red Cross handed out food and supplies. News of the group's good work spread fast. Just six months later, the U.S. president signed the Geneva Convention!

Clara led the American Red Cross for 22 years. She died in 1912. Today the American Red Cross still helps those in need. Thanks to her efforts, Americans have help during hard times. Clara would be pleased.



What Did You Learn?

What fueled Clara Barton's decision to create the American Red Cross?

Clara Barton

Clara Barton was born on Christmas Day in 1821 in Massachusetts. When she was 11 years old, her brother David fell off a roof. Clara stayed home from school for two years to care for him and discovered that she enjoyed nursing.

At age 16, Clara became a teacher in a one-room school. Later, she started the first public school in New Jersey by offering to teach for free!

Nurse Clara

The Civil War started in 1861. At that time, there were no trained nurses in America! Clara took food and medicine to wounded soldiers. Clara was called the “Angel of the Battlefield.” She took care of soldiers who were injured or ill. She burned her hand and had frostbitten fingers. Twice her clothing was struck by bullets. When President Lincoln heard about her hard work, he gave her a medal.

Later, Clara took a trip to Europe. There she learned about the Geneva Convention, a treaty that made it so that hospitals flying a Red Cross flag could not be fired upon. Red Cross workers would help any soldier. It didn’t matter which side he was on.

Clara believed in the Geneva Convention and wanted the United States to sign it. Clara worked so hard in the battlefields that she became ill and almost went blind.



Clara and the Red Cross

Clara wanted to bring the Red Cross to America. But Americans didn't think that they needed it. People said there would never be another war. Clara responded that the group could help with any kind of disaster.

Clara started the American Red Cross in 1881. Just a month after she established the group, terrible fires broke out. They left more than 5,000 people homeless. The American Red Cross handed out food and supplies. News of the group's good work spread fast. Just six months later, the U.S. president signed the Geneva Convention!

Clara led the American Red Cross for 22 years. Today the American Red Cross still helps those in need. Thanks to her efforts, Americans have help during hard times. Clara would be pleased.



What Did You Learn?

What influenced Clara Barton's decision to create the American Red Cross?