

Clara Barton: Founder of the American Red Cross - A Short Biography for Children

Clara Barton was a pioneer in the field of nursing and founded the American Red Cross. This short biography for children tells the story of her life and work.



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Early Life

Clara Barton was born on December 25, 1821, in Oxford, Massachusetts. She was the youngest of five children. Her father was a farmer and her mother was a schoolteacher. Clara was a bright and curious child, and she loved to read. She also had a strong sense of compassion and a desire to help others.

When Clara was 11 years old, she had an accident that left her partially paralyzed. She spent the next few years of her life in a wheelchair. During

this time, she learned to be patient and resourceful. She also developed a deep faith in God.

Nursing Career

In 1854, the Crimean War broke out. Clara Barton was deeply moved by the stories of the wounded and dying soldiers. She decided to go to the Crimea to volunteer her services as a nurse.

Clara arrived in the Crimea in 1855. She worked tirelessly to care for the wounded soldiers. She organized hospitals, distributed supplies, and provided comfort to the dying. Clara's work was so effective that she became known as the "Angel of the Battlefield." She completely dedicated her life to nursing and caring for others after the Civil War began.

Founding the American Red Cross

After the Crimean War, Clara Barton returned to the United States. She was determined to continue her work of helping the sick and wounded. In 1881, she founded the American Red Cross. The Red Cross is a humanitarian organization that provides relief to victims of disasters and wars.

Clara Barton served as the first president of the American Red Cross. She led the organization through its early years, and she helped to establish it as a respected and effective force for good. Clara Barton retired from the Red Cross in 1904. She died in 1912 at the age of 90.

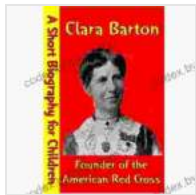
Legacy

Clara Barton was a remarkable woman who dedicated her life to helping others. She was a pioneer in the field of nursing, and she founded the

American Red Cross. Her legacy continues to inspire people around the world to help those in need.

Discussion Questions

- What were some of the challenges that Clara Barton faced in her life?
- How did Clara Barton's experiences in the Crimean War influence her work with the American Red Cross?
- What are some of the ways that the American Red Cross helps people today?
- How can you help to make a difference in the world?



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