

## Compare Clara Barton's home to your home – Worksheet – Side 1



Clara Barton's Glen Echo home was designed from a shelter used by the American Red Cross after a flood in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.



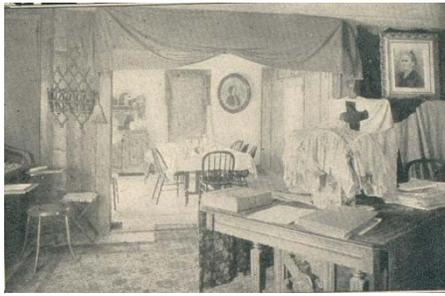
Think about how your home is shaped, how many windows, where are the doors, what important features does it have, are there outside steps or a porch or deck, what is the roof shaped like? Now, draw your home here.

Look at some of the features on Clara Barton's home and on the drawing of your home. How is your home like Clara Barton's home? How is it different?

## Compare Clara Barton's home to your home – Worksheet – Side 2



Main hallway



Red Cross office and dining room



Clara Barton's parlor

Clara Barton's home had about 35 rooms and 50 closets. She used the closets for storage of American Red Cross relief supplies. Several rooms were used as storage rooms. There were about 12 bedrooms for volunteers, the American Red Cross offices, a dining room, two parlors, a kitchen, a full basement, and one bathroom. Clara Barton often had 8 to 10 volunteers living in her home, which also served as an office and warehouse for the American Red Cross.

How many bedrooms are in your home? \_\_\_\_\_ How many people live in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

Clara Barton heated her home in the wintertime with 12 stoves and one fireplace. She burned coal or wood fires in the rooms that needed heat and did not heat storage areas, where people did not stay. If you lived and worked with her, you were responsible for helping keep the coal loaded in the stove to keep your bedroom warm.

Today, homes have a furnace or central heating system that uses natural gas, propane, oil, or electricity. When Clara Barton moved into the Glen Echo home in 1897, these systems were not available for her home.

What do you think Clara Barton did during the summertime to help cool the home? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you do at your home to cool it during the hot summer weather? \_\_\_\_\_

Clara Barton's Glen Echo home had one bathroom equipped with a toilet, bathtub and sink. Look at some of the other items her volunteers could use while living here. What are these objects? Write down what you think each object was used for. As a class, discuss how they might have been used.



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