

# Clara Barton

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## Traveling Clara Barton Junior Ranger Civil War Worksheet

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During the Civil War, Clara Barton became a leader in war relief at a time when women could not vote or join the military. She gathered, transported, and distributed supplies to soldiers on the battlefields. She cared for the wounded of both sides. As a woman wanting to travel to the battlefields, she faced constant discrimination. This was extremely dangerous work and nursing was not yet a career option for women. She could be killed on the battlefield--and almost was--but she never gave up. Clara Barton was determined to make a difference.

Use the code below and discover how she felt about helping the soldiers.



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Read her quote again, and think about what she means. Why do you think Clara Barton decided to travel to the battlefields and care for wounded soldiers during the Civil War?

The National Park Service was created in 1916 so the United States government could care for important and special places. *Yellowstone National Park* was the first National Park in America. One of the unique features preserved in Yellowstone is a famous geyser nicknamed, "Old Faithful." Clara Barton National Historic Site was established by an Act of Congress in 1974 and was the first National Park Service site dedicated to the accomplishments of an American woman.

**What is Clara Barton's famous Civil War nickname?**



Jars of food

Clara Barton faced many challenges during the Civil War. Think about what you have learned with your Traveling Clara Barton. Discuss with an adult some of the problems she faced. Then draw a line to the picture of the supply that best solves the problem.

At Fairfax Station, the wounded soldiers had not eaten for several days.

At Antietam, Union surgeons dressed the wounds of the soldiers with corn leaves.

At Fredericksburg, wounded soldiers lay on the ground in the freezing wind.

At Spotsylvania, over 400 army wagons filled with wounded soldiers were stuck in deep mud or stopped along the road. The men could not get off the wagons and had not had water for one and a half days.



Blanket



Water canteen



Bandages

At Fairfax Station, Clara Barton worked all night with open flame candles. She was worried about their safety around the wounded soldiers. Clara Barton brought candles to Antietam, but she also brought something else that made it safer to use candles. (Tip: read her "Notes on Antietam" at [www.nps.gov/clba/historyculture/antietam.htm](http://www.nps.gov/clba/historyculture/antietam.htm).)

What did she bring to Antietam? Draw your answer.

Pretend you are Clara Barton writing a letter to a family about a missing soldier or a man buried at Andersonville National Cemetery.

What would you say to them?



Think about what Clara Barton accomplished at the places your Traveling Clara Barton visited. List two examples of how she made a difference and was important during the Civil War.

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**Raise your right hand and recite the Junior Ranger Pledge to your parents or an adult.**

As a Junior Park Ranger, I pledge to do my part to conserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.

**Congratulations!** To receive your Clara Barton Civil War badge, bring or mail this worksheet and your completed Traveling Clara Barton to Clara Barton NHS. Please include your name and return address.

You can learn about Clara Barton's later accomplishments as founder and president of the American Red Cross and earn a Clara Barton Web Ranger badge at [www.nps.gov/clba/forkids/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/clba/forkids/index.htm). Remember, when you visit a National Park Service site, you are a Junior Ranger and you need to do your part to care for that park for future generations.