Lesson One, Breaking Boundaries: Activity #2
Clara Barton and Her Work Pamphlet

Whatever of stirring narrative and brilliancy of style may enter into the Biography of Clara Barton when it shall come to be written, nothing can well exceed the simple, beautiful eloquence of the following undorned memorandum of some of the leading incidents of her life and work. Upon every line of it may be hung a thrilling story of perilous adventure and pathetic moving incidents; and sermons without end might be drawn from it upon the entire abnegation of self and indifference to peril of a life consecrated to the cause of suffering humanity.
Memorandum of some of the Leading Incidents in the Life of Clara Barton.

Popularizing Public School System. commenced her school with six pupils and in one year had 600 and promises of new school building, N. J., promising if she would continue. It was built for her and is still in use.

FIRST WOMAN CLERK IN GOVERNMENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

A place of trust. In charge of patents, Patent Office, which position she gave up at the opening of the Civil War to work in the field.

THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

Met 5th Mass. Vol. in Washington on arrival from the Baltimore attack 19th of April, 1861, and was afterwards on the following fields of battle and relief:

Cedar Mountain, battle and relief:
Falmouth, and Ball Run, Charlestone.

Fort Wagner.
Deep Bottom, Richmond.

Chantilly, Antietam.
Fredericksburg, Morris Island.
The Wilderness, The Mine,
Petersburg, Annapolis.

Summer of 1865.
Andersville, identifying the dead (15,000), and laying out the first National Cemetery, by request of the Government.

The Lecture Field.

1870-'71 THE FRANCO-GERMAN WAR AND ITS HOSPITALS

Hagemein, Metz, Strausburg, Belfort, Wuerth, Baden Hospitals, Montebello, Paris (The Fall of the Commune).
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1861</td>
<td>Michigan Forest Fires, Material and Money</td>
<td>$80,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1882</td>
<td>Mississippi River Floods, Money and Seeds</td>
<td>8,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1883</td>
<td>Mississippi River Floods, Material and Seeds</td>
<td>18,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1884</td>
<td>Mississippi Cyclone, Money</td>
<td>1,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1884</td>
<td>Ohio and Mississippi River Floods, Feed for stock, food, clothing, tools, lumber, house furnishings</td>
<td>$25,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1885</td>
<td>Balkan War</td>
<td>300</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1885</td>
<td>Texas Finning, Contributions and State appropriations resulting from personal investigations and effort</td>
<td>100,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1886</td>
<td>Charleston Earthquake, Money</td>
<td>500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1888</td>
<td>Mt. Vernon, Ills, Cyclone, Money and supplies</td>
<td>85,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1888</td>
<td>Florida Yellow Fever, Physicians and Nurses</td>
<td>15,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1889</td>
<td>Johnstown Disaster, Money and all kinds of materials, buildings and furnishings</td>
<td>150,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1890</td>
<td>Persian Famine, mainly food</td>
<td>125,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1891</td>
<td>Pemex, Iowa, Cyclone, Money, Nurses and Medical Supplies</td>
<td>2,700</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1891-92</td>
<td>South Carolina Island Hurricane and Tidal Wave, money, lumber, tools, seeds, supplies, materials and clothing</td>
<td>65,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1896</td>
<td>Armenian Massacres, Turkey, Asia Minor, protection, medical help, tools, seed, rock, etc.</td>
<td>$15,325</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1898-1900</td>
<td>Cuban Reconstructive Relief, Food, clothing, medicines, material, orphan asylums.</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1898</td>
<td>Spanish American War, through auxiliary East and West</td>
<td>$80,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1900</td>
<td>Galveston Storm, Money and material</td>
<td>120,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**REPRESENTED THE GOVERNMENT AT FIFTEEN INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS CONFERENCES.**

- At Geneva, Switzerland.
- At Karlsruhe, Germany.
- At Rome, Italy (appointed, but could not leave the Russian Famine Relief then in progress).
- At Vienna, Austria.

**DECORATIONS AND HONORS.**

- Iron Cross of Prussia, Emperor William I, and Empress Augusta.
- Medal of International Committee of the Red Cross of Geneva, Switzerland.
- Red Cross, by Queen of Serbia.
- Silver Medal by Empress Augusta of Germany.
- Flag voted by Congress of Berne, Switzerland.
- Jewels by Grand Duchess of BADEN.
- Diploma of Honor from German War Veterans.
- Jewels by Queen of Prussia.
- Diploma of Honor from Red Cross of Austria.
- Diploma and Decoration by Sultan of Turkey.
- Diploma and Decoration by Prince of Armenia.
- Diploma and Decoration by Spain.
- Vote of thanks by the Cortes of Spain.
- Vote of thanks by the Portuguese Red Cross.
- Resolutions of the Central Relief Committee of Galveston, Texas.
- Vote of thanks from the Legislature of the State of Texas.
- Decoration of the Order of the Red Cross by the Czar of Russia.

**Miss Barron's Home.**

Headquarters of American Red Cross were personally bearing the expense during seven years of effort in securing the adherence of our Government to the Treaty, Miss Barron's house became the headquarters of the.
American Red Cross since its adoption in 1882
and its birth in Europe. It
was due to the work of the Red Cross in America,
that Clara Barton, by permission of the American
Amendment, "Relief in National Calamities and Dis-
asters," other than War, since known as the "American Amendment" to the Red Cross.

Her comprehensive brain, clear judgment, sound, common, practical sense, and her states-
man ship, have been the directing force of the Red Cross of the United States, and her constant,
careful, tireless labor has also performed a great part of the detail work, often night as well as day,
in office and on the field, for twenty years. The relief fields in this country, and the ad-
ministration of the United States to the Treaty,
averaged one for every year, and on most of these
Miss Barton and personally directed and worked from two to eight months to a field.

HOW MISS BARTON AND HER WORK ARE ESTEEMED BY THOSE WHOM SHE HAS SERVED.

MISS CLARA BARTON.

Editorial
from The
Johnstown,
Pa., Daily
Tribune,
Oct. 17, 1899,
always held her in grateful remembrance, as she
and for her help and sympathy, she stands to-day
in the affairs of the Red Cross. Among the many noble, generous
McKeesport and Johnstown have abundant reason to
in the middle of the relieving their distresses and in ministering to
Red Cross Work.

"In view of her many benevolent acts and ser-
viceful devotion to her life work, too much con-
not be said in praise of this lady. She has been,
in season and out of season, in the midst of the
work and was greeted as an angel of mercy.

With ardor born of the noblest impulses, and
will and in an energy that knew no respite she went
everywhere on her great mission of love, gladden-
ing the hearts of our destitute and suffering, ask-
ing no questions about nationalities, creeds, social
standing or color. The one great controlling
inspiring bond of universal brotherhood made us
all akin in her estimation.

"Never did an organization select so wisely and
elect so industriously as did the National Red

Cross Association when it chose her to preside
over its benevolent work. Such is her national
reputation that the generous donors of money
and goods had no hesitancy in putting all in her
hands."

Appreciating her character, ability and work
as Johnstown people now do, we do not wonder
that Charles Sumner’s estimate of her was so
high. In ascribing to her the highest attributes
of exalted womanhood, and in saying that she
possessed in a marked degree the highest grade
of both statesmanship and soldierly, he gave
evidence of a truth that has been verified in
all our great National disasters.

"To her timely and heroic work, more than to
that of any other human being, are the people
of the Conemaugh Valley indebted for whatever
may be their favorable condition of to-day."

FAREWELL TO MISS BARTON.

Johnstown, Pa., Daily
Oct. 25, 1899.
"How shall we thank Miss Clara Barton and
the Red Cross for the help they have given us?
It cannot be done."

Oct. 1899, "We cannot thank Miss Barton in words. Hunt
through the dictionaries of all languages through and you
will not find the signs to express our appreciation
of her and her work."

"Picture the sunlight or the starlight, and then
try to say good-bye to Miss Barton. " But
there is really no parting. She is with us, and
will be with us always—the spirit of her work
even after she has passed away.

"But we can say God bless you, and we do say it,
Miss Barton, from the bottom of our hearts,
one and all."

RED CROSS RELIEF IN SOUTH CARO-
LINA SEA ISLANDS’ HURRICANE
AND TIDAL WAVE OF AUGUST

1893.

Joel
Chandler
HARRIS

"I went to the Sea Islands with no
prejudice against the Red Cross Society, but cer-
tainly with no prepossession in its favor."

"As a matter of fact, the Red Cross Society as
I saw it at Beaufort, is something entirely dif-
ferent from any other relief organization that has
come under my observation. Its strongest and
most admirable feature is its extreme simplicity.
The perfection of its machinery is shown by the apparent absence of all machinery. There are no exhibitions of self-importance. There is no display—no torturing cross-examination of applicants—no needless delay. And yet nothing is done blindly, or hastily, or indifferently."

**THE GALVESTON DISASTER—TEXAS.**

"In conclusion, I beg to assure you of my high appreciation of your services; their value cannot be computed in dollars and cents. Your very presence amongst us at this trying time, even without the substantial aid which you have rendered, would be indeed a benediction, and it has served to inspire our people with energy, self-determination and self-confidence; nothing that I could say or do would adequately compensate you and the Red Cross for your and its kindly and substantial offices at this time. I can only pray that God be with you and with it, and prosper all your undertakings."

Resolutions of State Legislature Feb. 1, 1901, (H. C. R. No. 8.)

"In behalf of the people of Texas, the Legislature extends to the American National Red Cross Society, the most grateful acknowledgement for the relief extended through the Society to the sufferers in Texas by the storm of September 8, 1900, and especially does the Legislature thank Miss Clara Barton, President of the Society, for her visit to the State and her personal supervision and direction of relief to those who were in need and in distress.

"That the Governor be and he is hereby requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to Miss Clara Barton."

"Resolved, That we especially thank and render homage to the woman who is the life and spirit of the Red Cross. Her who is the embodiment of the saving principle of laying down one's life for one's friend, whose friend is the friendless and whose charge is the stricken, and should be exalted above Queens and whose achievements are greater than the conquests of nations or the inventions of genius, and who is justly crowned in the evening of her life with the love and admiration of all humanity, MISS BARTON."

Mayor Jones, Chairman.