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# Clara Barton

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Clara Barton was born on December 25, 1821. She lived in Washington, D.C. when the Civil War began in 1861. She heard stories of wounded and suffering soldiers. She felt that she needed to do something to help.

She urged people to donate bandages and medicine. She often delivered these supplies to the battlefield herself.



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**Today the American Red Cross provides shelter, food, and healthcare to victims of fire, hurricanes, floods, and other natural disasters.**

it also helps people suffering as a result of earthquakes, fires, floods, and other disasters.

Clara Barton retired from the Red Cross in 1904. She died 8 years later on April 12, 1912. Her legacy with the American Red Cross lives on.

In 1873, Clara returned to the United States. In 1881, she started an American branch of the Red Cross. She served as its first president for over 20 years.

As the result of Clara's hard work and leadership, the Red Cross grew. The group still helps those who are suffering during times of war. Today,

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1. Place these events in sequential order.  
Label each sentence **1st**, **2nd**, **3rd**, **4th**, **5th**, or **6th**.

\_\_\_\_\_ Barton moved back to America.

\_\_\_\_\_ The American Red Cross was founded by Barton.

\_\_\_\_\_ Clara Barton persuaded people to donate medical supplies to help injured Civil War soldiers.



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c. easygoing

d. compassionate

3. How has the American Red Cross changed since it was founded in 1881?

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4. What was the author's purpose for writing this passage?

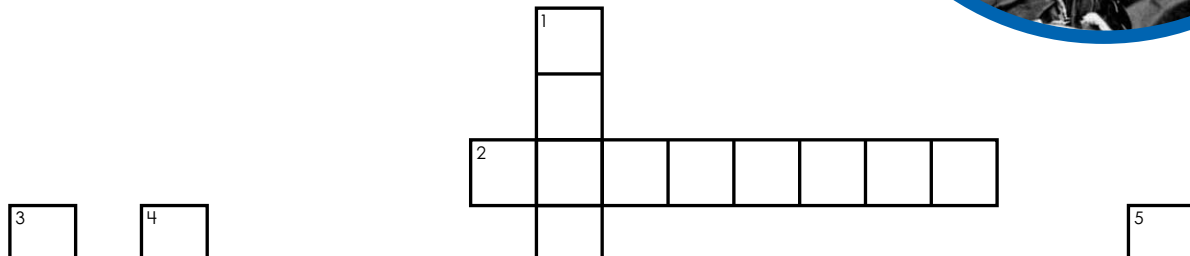
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- b. to describe an important historical figure
- c. to compare and contrast the Red Cross in Switzerland and America
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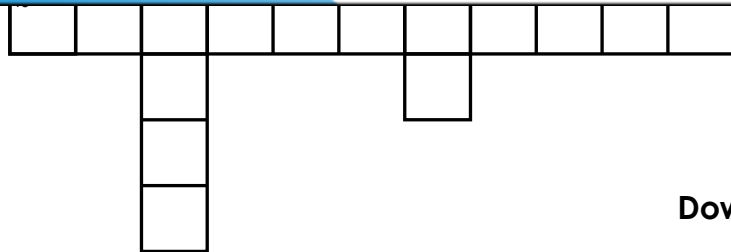
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Complete the crossword puzzle using words from the passage.



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### Across

- 2. chemicals to make sick people better
- 7. state of pain
- 9. give to a good cause
- 10. country in central Europe

### Down

- 1. head of a company or organization
- 3. coverings for wounds
- 4. place on land where part of a war is fought
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## ANSWER KEY

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