

ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

Clara Barton

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Resources

If you can read only one book

Author	<i>Title. City: Publisher, Year.</i>
Pryor, Elizabeth Brown	<i>Clara Barton: Professional Angel.</i> Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1987.

Books and Articles

Author	<i>Title. City: Publisher, Year.</i>
Attie, Jeannie	<i>Patriotic Toil: Northern Women and the American Civil War.</i> Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1998.
Blanton, Deanne and Lauren M. Cook	<i>They Fought Like Demons: Women Soldiers of the Civil War.</i> Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2002).
Brockett, L. P. and Mary Vaughn	<i>Women's Work in the Civil War: A Record of Heroism, Patriotism and Patience.</i> Philadelphia: Zeigler, McCurdy, 1867.
Jones, Marian Moser	<i>The American Red Cross from Clara Barton to the New Deal.</i> Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2012.
Joslyn, Mauriel Phillips, ed.	<i>Confederate Women.</i> New York: Pelican, 2004.
Oates, Stephen B.	<i>A Woman of Valor: Clara Barton and the Civil War.</i> New York: Free Press, 1994.

Organizations

Organization Name	Description, Contact information including address, email
Clara Barton National Historic Site, National Park Service, Glen Echo, Maryland.	This is the National Park Service Clara Barton National Historic Site, located in her home. Clara Barton National Historic Site is located at 5801 Oxford Road, Glen Echo, MD 20812 off of MacArthur Boulevard adjacent to Glen Echo Park. Guided tours are offered Saturdays and Sundays. Reservations for groups can be made by calling 301 320 1410. The website includes transcriptions of primary source materials, photographs and a virtual tour at: http://www.nps.gov/clba/index.htm
National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office Museum.	The National Museum of Civil War Medicine includes a section on Clara Barton which is accessible on line at: http://www.civilwarmed.org/clara-barton-museum/
Clara Barton Birthplace Museum, North Oxford, Mass.	The Clara Barton Birthplace Museum is dedicated to preserving Clara Barton’s legacy of compassion. The museum is located at 66 Clara Barton Road North Oxford, MA 01537-0356. Visit the website to determine museum hours or call 508-987-2056, Ext. 2013. The Museum website is: http://clarabartonbirthplace.org/site/
Clara Barton Monument, Antietam Battlefield, National Park Service, Sharpsburg, Maryland	This is the National Park Service page on Clara Barton at Antietam: http://www.nps.gov/anti/learn/historyculture/clarabarton.htm

Web Resources

URL	Name and description
http://www.redcross.org/about-us/history/clara-barton	The American Red Cross web site has extensive information on their Founder Clara Barton.
http://www.civilwar.org/education/history/biographies/clara-barton.html	This is the Civil War Trust page on “Clara Barton: Relief Organizer/Humanitarian”.

http://www.biography.com/people/clara-barton-9200960	Biography.com offers a video entitled “Clara Barton Biography: Nurse, Educator.”
http://face2face.si.edu/my_weblog/2013/08/at-the-front-clara-barton-and-the-civil-war.html	The Smithsonian Institution has a section entitled “At the Front: Clara Barton and the Civil War.”
http://blogs.loc.gov/civil-war-voices/about/clara-barton/	Library of Congress blog offers “Voices of the Civil War – Clara Barton.”
http://jhupressblog.com/2013/01/16/finding-clara-barton/	The Johns Hopkins University Press Blog has material produced by Marian Moser Jones: “Finding Clara Barton.”
https://www.rosenfeldinjurylawyers.com/historical-nurses-all-about-clara-barton.html	All About Clara Barton is a useful website which provides a brief summary of her role and includes links to 15 websites which contain further details about her. Our thanks to Rebecca Lee, a high school student in Denver Colorado, who brought this useful website to our attention.

Other Sources

Scholars

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Google Keywords

While many women offered volunteer aid to the poorly-supplied Union and Confederate armies, Clara Barton (1821-1912) distinguished herself by venturing onto active battlefields, despite overwhelming social prohibitions against women doing so. She also gained wide renown by writing about these experiences in dramatic, gripping prose during and after the war. Her letters were published in newspapers, and after the war, she delivered speeches on the lecture circuit. The first instance where Barton provided direct battlefield aid occurred just after the Battle of Cedar Mountain, which took place on August 9, 1862 in Culpepper County, Virginia. Barton and her associates arrived at the scene of the battle four days after it had occurred, and found a scene beyond imagining: surgeons were desperately under-equipped and scores of wounded men lay about in the August sun, untreated and without food or water. She rendered aid on many other battlefields including Second Bull Run, Chantilly, South Mountain, Antietam (where she earned the sobriquet Angel of the Battlefield), Fredericksburg and Fort Wagner. By the fall

of 1863 Barton was no longer needed on the battlefields so she began working in Union army hospitals near Washington. After the war she took up the cause of identifying war dead, missing and prisoners. A visit to Andersonville Prison after the war caused her to lose her previous compassion for Confederate soldiers. In her long post war career, she lectured widely, became president of the American Red Cross and fought successfully for the American ratification of the Geneva Convention.