I can be a responsible citizen and help to make my community a good place to live for everyone.

# Clara Barton Storyboard Activity

**For the teacher:** Each child will fold a blank piece of paper into eighths. Direct the students to listen for ways that Clara Barton demonstrated the characteristics of good citizenship. Stop at each asterisk (*) allowing students time to quick sketch the selection.

Clara Barton lived in the 1800's during the time of the Civil War. Clara was working as a clerk in Washington, D.C. when the first soldiers began coming into the city. *

Clara noticed that the soldiers needed help. Some of the men were already wounded and bleeding. Some of the men were hungry and were without clothing, except for what they were already wearing. *

Clara recognized many of the men, as she had lived and worked as a school teacher in a city where some of the men had grown up and she had been their teacher.*

Clara, along with a few other women helped the soldiers by providing them with food, clothing and supplies. *

Clara nursed and comforted the soldiers, cooked for them, read to the men, wrote letters for them, and listened to their personal problems.*

Clara realized that she could be of more help if she would be allowed to go to the battlefields to help the men. One night, Clara appeared at a field hospital at midnight with a wagon-load of supplies. The wagon was pulled by a four-mule team. The doctor on duty that night later wrote, "I thought that night if heaven ever sent out a(n) ….angel, she must be one-----her assistance was so timely." After that, Clara was known as the 'Angel of the Battlefield '.

Near the end of the Civil War, Clara worked hard to search for any missing prisoners of war. Families who did not know where their loved ones were would write to Clara and she would search for them.*

She also helped to create a national cemetery and identify the graves of many men who died in the war. *

After the war, Clara visited the country of Switzerland where she learned about the Red Cross, a group of people who help others in need. Clara came home and started the American Red Cross, which is still in operation today.*

**After reading and illustrating the storyboards, discuss and list ways that Clara Barton was a good citizen.**

Information taken from "Clara Barton: Founder of the American Red Cross"
http://www.redcross.org/museum/history/ClaraBarton.asp