

# Civil War Nurse Clara Barton



Clara Barton earned fame as the first woman to serve as a nurse on the front lines of a battlefield. This living-history program introduces the story of Barton's wartime work. As she sorts through recent donations of onions, lemons, bandages, and other supplies, Barton recounts the story of how she came to work for the war cause, including her childhood experiences nursing her brother, her works as a teacher and then patent office clerk, her determination to provide care for soldiers, and finally her experiences working on the battlefields. Her stories -- funny, poignant, heartbreaking, and angry -- reveal much about the medical conditions during the American Civil War and about the courage required for a woman who dared to brave the war's front lines.