

# MRS. PETRUZZIELLO – GRADE 2

**Clara Barton** is our American Hero because of her perseverance, persistence, and dedication to the wounded soldiers of the Civil War. Growing up, Clara was the youngest of six siblings. One day her brother became very ill and she had to care for him. From that day on, she had a *passion* for caring for others. For a while, Clara was a schoolteacher, which she loved doing very much! *Eventually, Clara's desire to help those in need grew larger and larger.* When the Civil War began, there was no help for the soldiers who were getting hurt. Clara decided to purchase her own medical supplies and sprint out on to the battlefield and care for all the soldiers, no matter which side they were fighting on.

One day, as Clara was helping a wounded soldier, a bullet flew right past her, grazing just the tip of her sleeve. That is when Clara got the name, *The Angel of the Battlefield.* It was as if she had a protective bubble around her to keep her safe so she should continue being a great help. Clara eventually opened **The American Red Cross**, an organization that helps **all** people in need; whether it be a war or a natural disaster, The Red Cross helps everyone.

Miss Petruzziello's class chose Clara Barton as our American hero because of her *giant heart and desire to help others!* Clara was *selfless and determined.* She put other people's needs in front of her own and she never stopped caring for others, no matter how difficult the situation was! In our class we are striving to be more like Clara; **we want to help others (even those who aren't our friend!) and never stop believing in what we care about!**



Our class started this project with watching a quick You Tube video on 7 different American's who did great things for our country. After, the students voted who they wanted to research more. The vote determined Clara Barton. We read the book, "Who Was Clara Barton" aloud, took notes, and watch a couple videos about her. From there, the students had the opportunity to choose how they wanted to express what they learned, either: a full page writing, recalling 4 facts, or coming up with 10 describing words then using [www.kidthesaurus.com](http://www.kidthesaurus.com) to find synonyms for those 10 words and write all 20 words down.

Fact 1

Clara Barton

asked the  
president to  
sign the Geneva  
Treaty.

Fact 2

Clara

brought the  
Red cross  
to America.

Fact 3

Clara

bought medical  
supplies to

people in

prison and

whoever needed it battle-

Fact 4

Clara

was the first

woman to ever

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# Clara Barton is our American Hero

★ Clara Barton is my American hero because she was the first woman to ever successfully get on the battlefield. Also because she was the president of the red cross. My last reason is because she helped wounded soldiers and she would purchase the stuff herself! These are the reasons Clara Barton is my American hero.

