

Internet Scavenger Hunt:

The American Red Cross



Name: _____

On May 21, 1881, Clara Barton founded The American Red Cross, an organization that provides disaster relief and helps members of the American armed forces and their families. Use the information at the Web site below to answer the questions.

Web site: www.redcross.org (search for "Brief History of the American Red Cross")

URL: <http://www.redcross.org/portal/site/en/menuitem.86f46a12f382290517a8f210b80f78a0/?vgnnextoid=271a2aebdaadb110VgnVCM10000089f0870aRCRD>

1. **Where did Clara Barton get the idea for the American Red Cross?**

2. **Between 1914 and 1918, how many new Red Cross local chapters were added?** _____

3. **Which was NOT a service provided by the Red Cross during World War II?**

a. enrolled nurses for military service b. provided HIV/AIDS education c. shipped supplies overseas

4. **How is the American Red Cross connected to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)?**

5. **Who serves as honorary chairperson of the American Red Cross?** _____

Something to think about: The Red Cross supplies almost half of the U.S.'s blood and blood products (e.g., platelets, plasma). Nearly 3,000 hospitals and transfusion centers depend upon this life-saving supply, collected from four million donors each year. When you turn 17, will you consider donating?

Learn more: Explore the life of Clara Barton: <http://www.redcross.org/museum/history/claraBarton.asp>.