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Clara Barton: Battlefield Nurse/ *from* The War Diary of Clara Barton (p 858)

Reading Strategy: COMPARE AND CONTRAST

When you **compare and contrast** fictional and factual works on the same topic, examine how each work portrays the characters, their actions, the setting, and the events. By noting similarities and contrasts between the works, you can get a sense of how fiction writers blend factual details with imaginary ones to achieve a dramatic effect.

Directions: As you read the historical drama and the diary entry, use the chart to compare and contrast details.

	<i>Clara Barton: Battlefield Nurse</i>	<i>War Diary of Clara Barton</i>
Characters / Real-life people	Captain Neal	“dapper captain”
Actions	Blocks Clara’s attempts to aid soldiers.	
Setting		
Events		

Question Support: Literary Analysis

1. **Recall** In Clara Barton's diary, why is she so upset with the officers in Fredericksburg?

2. **Clarify** According to Clara's diary, why didn't the officials at the War Department believe Mr. Wilson at first?

3. **Summarize** In the play, why does Captain Neal change his mind about Clara?

Directions: Answer the questions.

4. **Draw Conclusions** Review the diary entry. Then complete the sentences.

One trait of the "dapper captain" is _____

One trait of Clara Barton is _____

One trait of Senator Wilson is _____

5. **Compare and Contrast** Review your compare and contrast chart. Fill in the blanks and circle one of the words in the parentheses to complete the following sentences.

A struggle Clara faces in the drama is _____

A struggle that Clara faces in the diary entry is _____

These struggles are (similar, different) because _____

6. **Analyze History-Related Writings** Circle the statements that are true about women in the mid-1800s and complete the sentence.

a. women could study to be doctors

d. women were supposed to raise children

b. women couldn't join the military

e. women had many choices of career

c. few women worked outside the home

f. many women worked in government

I think women in the mid-1800s _____

7. **Evaluate** Review your compare and contrast chart. Circle a word in the parentheses and complete the sentence.

The (play, diary) gives a more interesting picture of Clara Barton because _____
