**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.

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Question Support: Literary Analysis

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

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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  
   b. women couldn’t join the military  
   c. few women worked outside the home  
   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 __________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________