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"Clara Barton: Battlefield Nurse" & "The War Diary of Clara Barton" Test (p556)

Comprehension

Read each of the following questions. Then choose the letter of the best answer. (5 points)

1. The stage directions at the beginning of the play tell you that
 - A. Clara Barton is a nurse
 - B. the plot will concentrate on conflict between men and women
 - C. the play is based on historical events
 - D. the play will have a happy ending
2. What purpose does Mrs. Fales have in the play?
 - A. She gives background on what Clara has accomplished.
 - B. She shows that women don't belong at the battlefield.
 - C. She demonstrates that women worry about their sons.
 - D. She shows that most women aren't as brave as Clara.
3. The play depicts women as
 - A. clever
 - B. flighty
 - C. brave
 - D. stingy
4. When Captain Neal says that "the battlefield is no place for woman," what is NOT suggested about the views of the time?
 - A. that women's place is at home caring for their families
 - B. that women should be trained before they can serve at the battlefield
 - C. that women do not belong at the battlefield
 - D. that nursing is an accepted position for a woman
5. Clara smiles when she reads Captain Neal's letter because
 - A. she feels better about her worth as a nurse
 - B. she recognizes that Captain Neal's brother will recover
 - C. she realizes that Captain Neal is in love with her
 - D. she knows that she is going to be able to stay and nurse the soldiers
6. Captain Neal does not want Clara at the battlefield because
 - A. he has the ability to get her dismissed
 - B. he thinks there is no value in the work she does
 - C. he thinks her presence at the battlefield undermines his own position
 - D. he is distracted by her presence
7. In the "War Diary" Clara makes it clear to the government that
 - A. the officers are not appropriately managing their command of the city
 - B. it is their fault that the patients are in such a bad situation
 - C. too many men are dying
 - D. other nurses are needed at the battlefield
8. From reading both the play and the diary, it is clear that Clara Barton
 - A. was a wealthy person
 - B. had an excellent reputation
 - C. thought little about the danger she was in
 - D. couldn't wait to return to her peaceful existence back at home

9. Both the play and the diary show Clara as
- A. lonely
 - B. fool-hardy
 - C. enthusiastic
 - D. persistent

10. What the diary excerpt does that the play does not is
- A. to visualize what life was like at that time
 - B. to show what Clara was thinking
 - C. to describe the conflict between Clara and the officers in the army
 - D. to give background about Clara's home life

11. "Clara Barton: Battlefield Nurse" is called "historical drama" because
- A. it has more than one narrator
 - B. it is based on real events
 - C. there are stage directions
 - D. you can visualize the scenes

12. In the "War Diary" Clara describes the conditions at Fredricksburg that include
- A. organized hospital wards with the latest equipment
 - B. hundreds of injured soldiers who are starving
 - C. operating rooms with dim light and limited equipment
 - D. railroad cars filled with dying soldiers

13. What was NOT one of the problems that Clara identified in her report to the War Department?
- A. the amount of time it took to get the soldiers to treatment
 - B. the lack of supplies
 - C. the improper conduct of the army officers
 - D. the lack of transportation

14. The play and the diary are similar because they both
- A. have dialogue
 - B. show Clara's commitment to injured soldiers
 - C. mention Mrs. Fales
 - D. show Clara's private thoughts

15. The play and the diary are different because
- A. one is written by Clara herself and the other is not
 - B. one is based on something real and the other is not
 - C. one shows Clara as brave and the other shows her as weak
 - D. one deals with the problems of the officers and one does not

Written Response

Short Response Answer the following questions based on your knowledge of the selections. (20 points)

14. How do the other characters in the play react to Clara Barton? What do their reactions tell you about the times in which she lived? Support your answers with text evidence (with line numbers) from the play.
