

1. The Red Cross

The world owes the Swiss philanthropist Jean Henri Dunant a great debt. Dunant was the founder of the Red Cross, as well as being responsible for many other humanitarian achievements. Red Cross Day is on May 8th, which is the date on which Dunant was born, in 1828. This week we look at the life of the man. There are two pages to print. Click here to get your copies.

<http://www.insideout.net/warehouse/worksheets/may/IO045S-redcross.pdf>

Level

Intermediate upwards

How to use the lesson

Elicit what your students know about the Red Cross, its founder etc. as a lead-in to the reading. If your students don't have much to say, go straight to stage 1, below.

1. Tell your students they have three minutes to read a story, after which they will have to answer some questions.
2. Give each student a copy of Worksheet A and three minutes in which to read it.
3. After three minutes stop your students and give each one a copy of Worksheet B. Divide the class into pairs and ask students to work together to answer the questions and write the answers in the grid. Students should try and do this without looking back at Worksheet A. Allow them to do this only when they have answered all the questions that they can.
4. Check answers in open class. If the questions have all been answered correctly, the words *Nobel Peace Prize* should read from bottom to top.

Answers:

1	Convention	9	Heiden
2	Switzerland	10	Hospice
3	Ink	11	Solferino
4	Philanthropist	12	Sonderegger
5	Napoleon	13	Bankrupt
6	Red Cross	14	Holland
7	Chalk	15	Geneva
8	YMCA		

Follow up

Ask your students to select the story from the second link below which interests them most and then read about it in detail. They should then tell the class (or members of their group) details of the story and what they found interesting about it.

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.icrc.org/>

The official website – here’s what the Red Cross looks like today.

<http://www.ifrc.org/news/index.asp>

A selection of stories from all around the world involving the Red Cross and Red Crescent.

<http://www.icrc.org/icrceng.nsf/c1256212004ce24e4125621200524882/2e2ef54330c96812412566c60026e8f0?OpenDocument>

A much fuller account of Solferino and Dunant himself.