



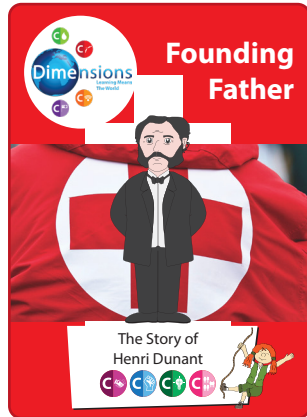
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Overview

"Founding Father" is a competency-based thematic unit with a history focus, telling the inspirational story of Henri Dunant. He is famous for being the founder of the International Red Cross, which has helped millions of people affected by war for 150 years. Pupils will learn, through his life story, all about his achievements and what makes him such an important historical figure.

The Man

Henri Dunant was born in Geneva, Switzerland in 1828. He and his family were Christians and so helping other people was very important to them. From a young age, Henri used his own money to help people in need.

The Battle

Henri was on a business trip to northern Italy in 1859, when he witnessed the aftermath of a terrible battle. Thousands of soldiers were killed in the fighting, and thousands more died of their wounds afterwards. There were no medics to help them, so Henri organised local volunteers to nurse the injured men.

Henri wrote a booklet all about the battle, called 'Souvenir de Solferino', outlining his idea for a neutral organisation of medical volunteers to help wounded soldiers from all sides on the battlefield.



The Cry

The phrase, 'Tutti Fratelli!', meaning 'All are brothers!', is what Henri cried in Solferino. He passed it on to the women volunteers, who treated all of the wounded equally, regardless of which side they were fighting on. This is one of the founding principles of the Red Cross.

The Prize

Henri was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1901 for his work in founding the Red Cross and pushing forward laws to protect people in wartime (The Geneva Convention). Almost every country in the world has signed that they will keep these laws.

The Red Cross

The Red Cross was started by Henri in 1863, with the support of a group of European leaders in Geneva. It is an international humanitarian organisation helping people in crisis in war and peace all over the world.

The symbol of a red cross on a white background (the reverse of the Swiss flag) is worn by red cross medics. Buildings and vehicles used to care for the sick and wounded in an armed conflict can be also marked with an emblem.





Vocabulary

Armed conflict	another word for war
Christian	a person who believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and follows his teachings in the Bible
Civilian	a member of the public who is not a member of the armed forces, nor are they taking part in the fighting
Crescent	the curved shape of the moon – used as a Muslim symbol
Crisis	a situation where someone needs help
Geneva Convention	rules that tell countries at war how to treat wounded and captured enemy forces and enemy civilians
Humanitarian	a person devoted to or working for the health and happiness of other people
International	something between two or more nations
Medical	to do with illness and injuries and their treatment or prevention
Neutral	not favouring either side in a quarrel, contest, or war
Solferino	a town in northern Italy, where there was a terrible battle in 1859

Concept Flow

- To be able to talk about the motivation behind Henri Dunant's actions
- To develop an understanding of the impact that Henri Dunant had during his own lifetime
- To know and be able to retell the life story of Henri Dunant, explaining how Henri Dunant showed courage and commitment
- To understand the impact that the founding of the Red Cross has made
- To use Henri Dunant's example as an inspiration to plan their own 'Movement of Kindness' to help a group of people in crisis
- To understand what makes Henri Dunant an inspirational historical figure

My Notes / Questions