

Gentle Annie: The true story of a Civil War Nurse Essays

Based on the book by Mary Francis Shura

1. In Chapter 2, Ms. Shura writes that the summer of 1854 was the jolliest summer that Annie could ever remember. What is the jolliest summer you can remember? Describe it.

2. In Chapter 3, Annie tells Clara she is saving most of her salary. She explains that “having money put away can be very important”. Annie is saving so she can travel to see her friend Sophie.

What is something you have saved money to buy or do? How long did you save?

Was it worth the effort and wait?

3. A takes a break from nursing to go to Cape Cod with Margaret. The vacation renews Annie’s spirit. Describe a trip you took that renewed your spirit. What did you do?

4. Annie is awarded a Kearney medal for noble sacrifice and heroic service. She thinks about the general the medal was named for. She felt a mingling of pride and sorrow. Think of a time you were given an award or earned a high grade. How did you feel?

5. Florrie tells Annie she wanted to do something for someone else, something worthwhile. What have you done for someone else? How was your deed worthwhile?

6. During the Civil War and for many years after Annie Etheridge was famous because of her deeds. The federal government gave her a pension in recognition of her service. Why is she no longer remembered?

How might she be honored today?

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