

Saving Texas History

Identify volunteers and the civic work they chose to do.

4.15.A “identify important individuals who have participated voluntarily in civic affairs at state and local levels such as Adina de Zavala and Clara Driscoll;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each volunteer's name. Number the actions each person took to help protect the Alamo, so you can connect each individual to her civic work.

Two Alamo Volunteers

- ① Civic affairs are activities that help a community or state. People can take part by volunteering time, raising money, or speaking up about a public need. In Texas during the early 1900s, some citizens worked to protect places that told the state's story. Two important volunteers, Adina de Zavala and Clara Driscoll, helped save the Alamo in San Antonio.
- ② Adina de Zavala believed the Alamo should be preserved for future Texans. In 1908, she learned that people planned to tear down the Long Barrack, a building at the Alamo. She protested the plan and worked with the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to protect it. Her volunteer efforts helped keep the building from being demolished.
- ③ Clara Driscoll used her own money and her influence to help save the Alamo. In 1903, she gave \$65,000 of her own money so the Daughters of the Republic of Texas could buy the Long Barrack from a private owner. She also raised money for preservation. Because of volunteers such as Driscoll and de Zavala, Texans can visit this historic site today.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which two individuals volunteered to help save the Alamo?

2 What did Adina de Zavala do when she learned that the Long Barrack might be torn down?

3 How did Clara Driscoll use her own money in 1903?

4 How did both women participate voluntarily in civic affairs?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose an important individual who volunteered in civic affairs in your community or state. Write three sentences that name the person, describe the volunteer action, and explain how the action helped people. Do not choose Adina de Zavala or Clara Driscoll.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each volunteer's name. Number the actions each person took to help protect the Alamo, so you can connect each individual to her civic work. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which two individuals volunteered to help save the Alamo?	Adina de Zavala and Clara Driscoll.
2	What did Adina de Zavala do when she learned that the Long Barrack might be torn down?	She protested the plan and worked with the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to protect the building.
3	How did Clara Driscoll use her own money in 1903?	She gave \$65,000 so the Daughters of the Republic of Texas could buy the Long Barrack from a private owner.
4	How did both women participate voluntarily in civic affairs?	Both helped preserve the Alamo, an important Texas historic site. De Zavala protested and worked to protect it, while Driscoll gave and raised money.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Minnie Fisher Cunningham volunteered with the Texas Woman Suffrage Association. She organized people across Texas to support women's right to vote. Her civic work helped more Texans gain a voice in government.

Accept responses that correctly connect each woman to her voluntary preservation work. For Part 3, accept another real individual whose volunteer civic action and community or state impact are clearly described.