Unsung heroes

1. In each sentence, complete the gap with the correct woman's name. You can use some names more than once.

1 _____ became paraplegic due to **disease**.

2 _____ lived in such **poverty** that she needed to collect fossils to sell.

3 _____ knew that the earthquake would lead to the **spread** of disease.

4 **Racism** prevented _____from helping the soldiers at first.

5 In the 19th century, few people believed that a woman could be a scientist. This **sexism** meant that _____ was not properly recognised for her scientific **achievements** until many years after her death.

6 _____ showed enormous **bravery** in standing up the Nazis.

7 There is a lot of **discrimination** against people with disabilities, but _____ has shown that she can do more than most **able-bodied** people.

8 Although _____ was not Jewish herself, she hated **prejudice** against anyone, and was willing to risk her life to save others.

2. Now write the words in bold with the definitions below.

1 Doing things that are dangerous without fear

2 The unfair treatment of people, especially women, because of their sex

3 The state of being poor

4 Treating one person or group worse than others

5 The belief that some races of people are better than others

6 A strong, unreasonable feeling of not liking someone or something, especially when based on race, religion or sex

7 Something you have done successfully, usually through skill and/or hard work

8 Having full use of your body

9 An illness of the body

10 An increase in the amount of something

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