

## Who was Dr Barnardo?



Thomas John Barnardo was born in Dublin on 4th July 1845. At the age of 17 he became an evangelical Christian and started to work at schools and Bible classes to teach people about Christianity. He then trained as a doctor with the intention of being a medical missionary in China. He wanted to help people and spread his Christian faith. But while he was working in the East End of London during a cholera epidemic, he met and befriended a boy called Jim Jarvis who was homeless. Jim introduced Dr Barnardo to other homeless and destitute children in London and he began to realise just how many children needed help.

Eventually, Dr Barnardo gave up the idea of going to China and dedicated himself to helping children in Britain instead. In 1870 he opened his first home for boys in a rented house, where boys could be housed, fed and educated. By this time, he had also set up a ragged school and a mission church. He had a network of people who helped him and gave him financial support, including Lord Shaftesbury, and he was becoming an important figure in London. In 1873 he married Syrie Elmslie who shared his commitment to helping children. As a wedding present, they were given the lease on Mossford Lodge where they went to live. 12 girls were housed in the converted coach house of the Lodge.

For the rest of his life, his work continued to develop. More homes were set up and a village for girls, where more than 1000 girls were housed, replaced the home at Mossford Lodge. He started a boarding system where destitute children were sent to live with families in the countryside to be educated and trained in a profession. He also set up homes for children who were disabled and had special needs. He raised the money he needed through clever advertising and charity events. But all his hard work took its toll on his health. He died in 1905 at the age of 50. By this time, he had set up 96 residential homes with nearly 8,000 children in residence. More than 4,000 children were boarded out and 18,000 had been sent to Canada and Australia. His work continues today.

**DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES**



*Once destitute! Barnardo's are making a man of him!*

**108,500 CHILDREN ADMITTED.  
8,000 CHILDREN BEING SUPPORTED.  
5 COME IN DAILY.**

**10/-**  
will feed one child for ten days.

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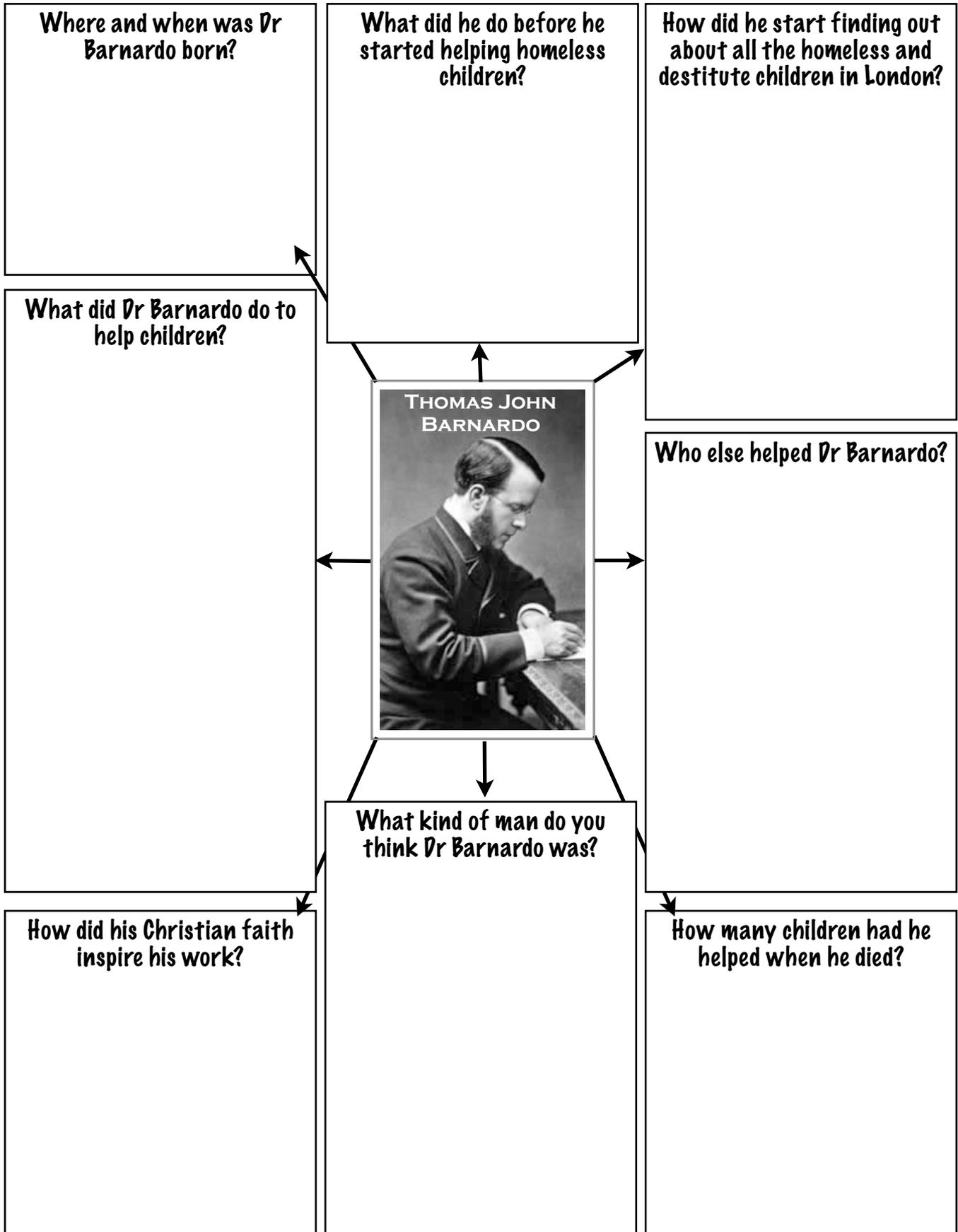
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# Dr Barnardo's Homes

What we do:

How you can help:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Richard  
Brown**

You believe that poor children should work to keep their proper place in society.

**Alfred  
Coalsworth**

As a Christian, you believe all children have the right to be treated with respect and love.

**Henry  
Ballings**

You believe that poor children do not need to be educated as their proper place is at work.

**Matthew  
Carter**

You believe that if children are made to work less hours, not enough work will be done.

**Archibald  
Marrsett**

You are worried that families will be even poorer if children are made to go to school instead of work.

**Thomas  
Kingsley**

You believe there is no point in educating poor children as they will only have to work when they are older.

**Joseph  
Knight**

You are worried that factory owners will not like the new laws and will cause trouble.

**David  
Jimple**

You believe all children have the right to an education, whether they are poor or not.

**Newton  
Lophim**

You believe that people should all be given a chance to better their situation in life.

**Harold  
Hurther**

You have listened to the stories working children have told you and you feel very sorry for them.

**Edward  
Dettle**

You believe someone needs to stick up for children as they are too young to stick up for themselves.

**Jonathan  
Preet**

You think poor children should work but that more should be done to protect them from harm.

**Robert  
Loopins**

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**Sydney  
Hullton**

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**Matthew  
White**

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**James  
Quirtson**

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**Anthony  
Donaldson**

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**Christopher  
Palmer**

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**Albert  
Frederson**

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**Peter  
Holdsworth**

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**Ronald  
Gregs**

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Dewers**

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**Philip  
Monkton**

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**Harry  
Frobersham**

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