Unsung heroes

1. In each sentence, complete the gap with the correct woman’s name (from worksheet 1). 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 to 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 match 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