



# A Life Helping Others

## Part 1

**Teacher Reads** In 1889, Jane Addams and Ellen Starr rented a large, vacant (empty) house called Hull-House in Chicago. At the time, the Hull-House neighborhood was home to many working-class and immigrant people from countries in Europe.

Jane Addams and Ellen Starr began working on Hull-  
9 House right away. They cleaned, painted, and furnished the  
18 house. When they finished, they urged people to come to  
28 Hull-House to make their lives better.

35 At Hull-House, there was a daycare center for children  
45 of working mothers and fathers. There were also clubs after  
55 school for school-age children. There were classes for adults,  
65 too. At night, Hull-House had concerts and plays for all  
76 to enjoy. Hull-House helped a lot of people. But Addams  
87 wanted to do even more.

## Part 2

**Teacher Reads** Addams always had new goals that she wanted to achieve. Read on to find out what they were.

92 Addams discovered a lot about the people who came to  
102 Hull-House and their lives. She knew that many changes still  
113 needed to be made so that life could be even better for them.

126 One thing Addams saw was that working conditions were  
135 awful. Many children and adults worked long, hard hours.  
144 Addams worked to get laws changed to limit the number  
154 of hours children could work. She helped make working  
163 conditions better for everyone.

167 During the next stage of her life, Addams began to take  
178 on bigger projects. For example, a huge concern of hers  
188 was that women did not have the right to vote. So, Addams  
200 joined with other activist women to get the voting laws  
210 changed.



### Part 3

**Teacher Reads** Addams accomplished many things in her life. Keep reading to find out how she was honored, or praised publicly, for her efforts.

211 Addams worked to get the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment passed.

219 This law allowed many women to vote in 1920. Addams was  
230 also the leader of the Women’s Peace Party. This organization  
240 urged people to talk about their problems rather than fight.

250 At the same time, Hull-House kept expanding. It became  
260 quite well known. People from around the globe came  
269 to visit. When those people returned home, they began  
278 settlement houses like Hull-House.

283 In addition to helping others, Addams was also an author.  
293 In 1910, she published a book called *Twenty Years at Hull-*  
304 *House*. Addams spent most of her life trying to make life  
315 better for others. In 1931, her efforts were recognized when  
325 she was given the Nobel Peace Prize. [Learn More](#)

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