

HISTORY OF HOSPITAL SHIPS FOR AGES 9+

FUN FACTS

The USNS Comfort is nearly 900 feet long--that's longer than the Golden Gate Bridge and about as long as two-and-half football fields.

The Comfort is about 100 feet tall--around the same height as a 10-story building.

Other countries also have hospital ships, including Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Peru and the United Kingdom.

ACTIVITY #1



When the USNS arrived in New York Harbor, the commander of the ship, Rear Admiral John Mustin, announced, "...Our message to New Yorkers--now your Navy has returned, and we are with you, committed in this fight."

What message would you have for the crew and medical personnel aboard the USNS Comfort and the USNS Mercy?

Draw a picture or write a card with your message.

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ACTIVITY #2



Take a look at these pictures of U.S. hospital ships. What do you notice about how the ships look? What are some reasons they might look the way they do?



USS Comfort



USS Mercy



USS Repose

ACTIVITY #3



The video describes some of the features that allow a hospital ship to treat patients and keep them comfortable.

If you were designing a hospital ship, what features would you include? Make a list, and then draw your ship, labeling each part of the ship and what it would be used for.

What would you name your ship?