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Jane Addams: A Life of Service

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Why did you choose this word? **Addams was compassionate because she dedicated her life to helping women, children, and people less fortunate than herself.**