Noah Webster

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Directions: Underline the words in the story as you find them, unscramble them and write them in the boxes below.

Noah Webster was born in Connecticut. He lived during the time of George Washington. He took a job teaching school to earn money to support them. The school was in a shack and as the teacher, he had to do everything. Later when he was a schoolmaster in Hartford, he lived with a judge who had a large library. He was able to study law using the judge's books. He became a lawyer, but what he really wanted to do was to teach others. He decided to write a spelling book and a grammar book. More than 100 million copies of the spelling book were sold. It became known as the Blue-backed Speller. He thought there needed to be one language; a "mother tongue", so that people could work together and be united. He made a dictionary for the people. When the dictionary was finished, it had 70,000 English words in it. He called it "An American Dictionary of the English Language". It has sold more copies than any English book except the Bible. Later the Merriam family bought the right to publish the dictionary and it became known as the Merriam - Webster dictionary. Webster in addition to creating a dictionary helped to create an American nation.

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