

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

When he was a boy John Audubon enjoyed wandering through the woods, collecting things from nature, and watching the birds. He began to draw pictures of birds and animals. When he was eighteen years old his father either sent him or went with him to America. He continued to draw. He changed from the use of pastels to watercolors. He taught himself through trial and error specializing in birds. He met a young woman named Lucy. They married and she was a constant source of encouragement to him. When he was 35 years old he took an eight month trip down the Mississippi River to find and paint birds. Lucy, his wife, a teacher and governess, was able to support herself and their two sons while Audubon pursued his dream of publishing a book of drawings of birds. He was not experiencing success in America selling his paintings, so he went to England to sell subscriptions. His clients had to subscribe to his engravings which were delivered in installments, five engravings at a time. He published books of his drawings. Audubon suffered a stroke, and he was also in the early stage of Alzheimer's disease. He died four months before his 66th birthday.

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