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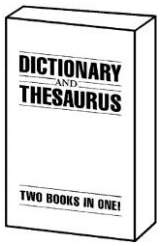

Noah Knows

It is not hard to imagine young Noah Webster sitting in a classroom in colonial America in the mid 1700s. He must have loved words and reading and learning about many different things. He was probably a very good speller too and won every school spelling bee.

Picture Noah and some of his classmates preparing for an upcoming spelling competition. The teacher has given them a list of words to learn. Some of them are unfamiliar and difficult to pronounce. One student is really struggling and leans over to ask the boy next to him what one of the words means. After puzzling over the word for a moment, the boy says, "I don't know. Ask Noah. He knows. He knows all the words."

Even though this little story is imagined, it may not be too farfetched. After all, Noah Webster did grow up to be a teacher. He even wrote an English language textbook and a spelling book. He also published a dictionary. We still use a version of that dictionary today.

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1. This story is about young _____.
   (John Adams, Paul Revere, Noah Webster)

2. Noah Webster grew up in _____.
   (England, America, France)

3. In the story, Noah Webster was a good _____.
   (speller, singer, baseball player)

4. Noah Webster became a _____ when he grew up.
   (farmer, teacher, doctor)

5. Noah Webster published a _____ that is still used today.
   (dictionary, magazine, story book)