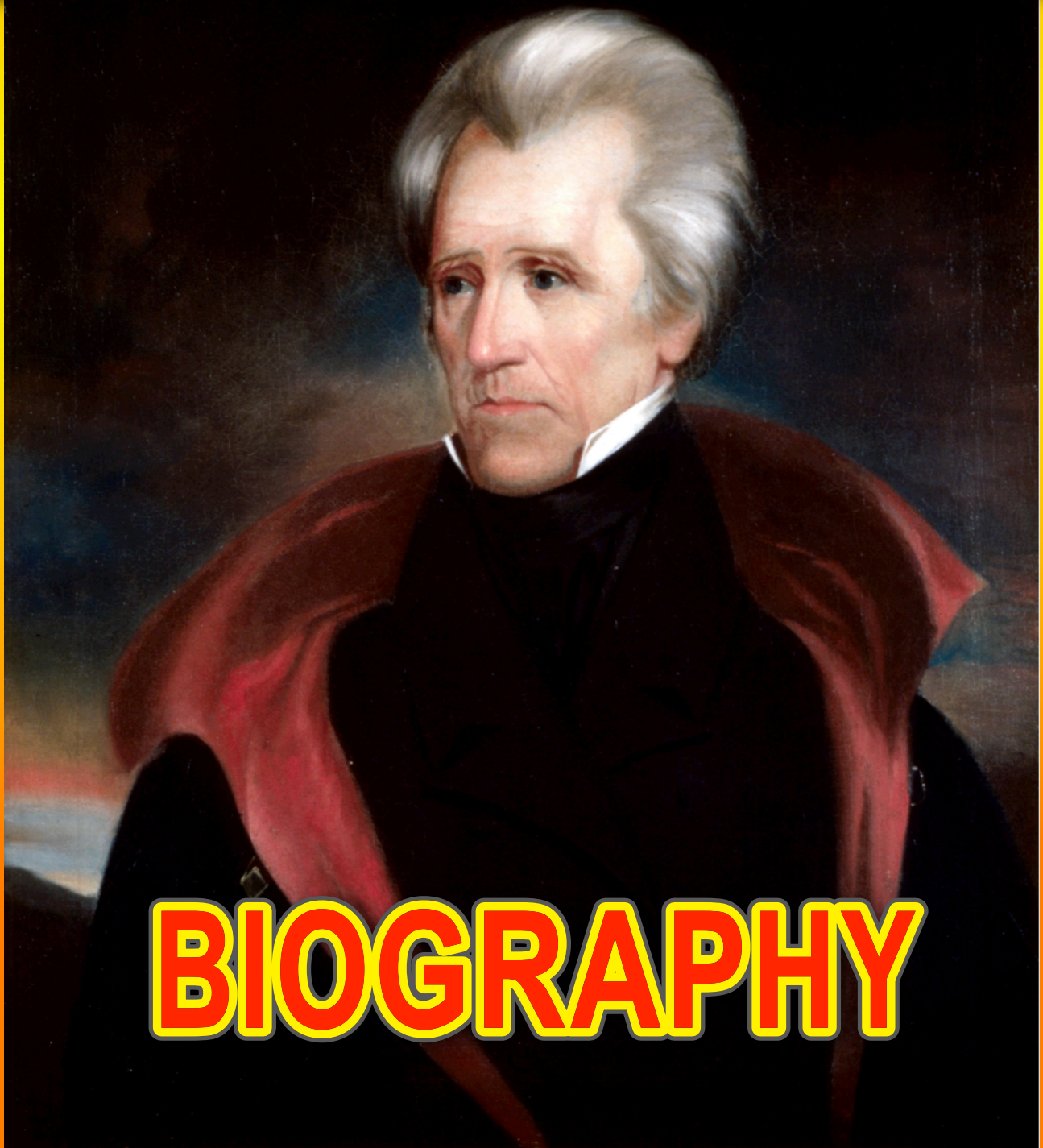


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## BIOGRAPHY

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Next, we need to find the key words that tell us what the story is about...

Read the story and underline the key words. Write the most important of these key words in a list like the one below. Write next to it a word that means a similar thing (a synonym). You don't have to use all the spaces, but you should not use more.

Key word	Synonym (similar word)
Example: territory	land

# Sequencing

Sequencing means getting the events in the right order. Write these sentences in the correct order, so they make sense.

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He developed his skills as a lawyer.

Later he helped invade Florida to gain territory.

As president, Jackson enforced the Indian Removal Act.

Andrew Jackson was born in Carolina in 1767.

But some people were against Jackson, and he was nearly assassinated.

Jackson won many battles in the war of 1812.

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# Make a story...

When you read a description it often gives you ideas about how the event might be described differently.

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