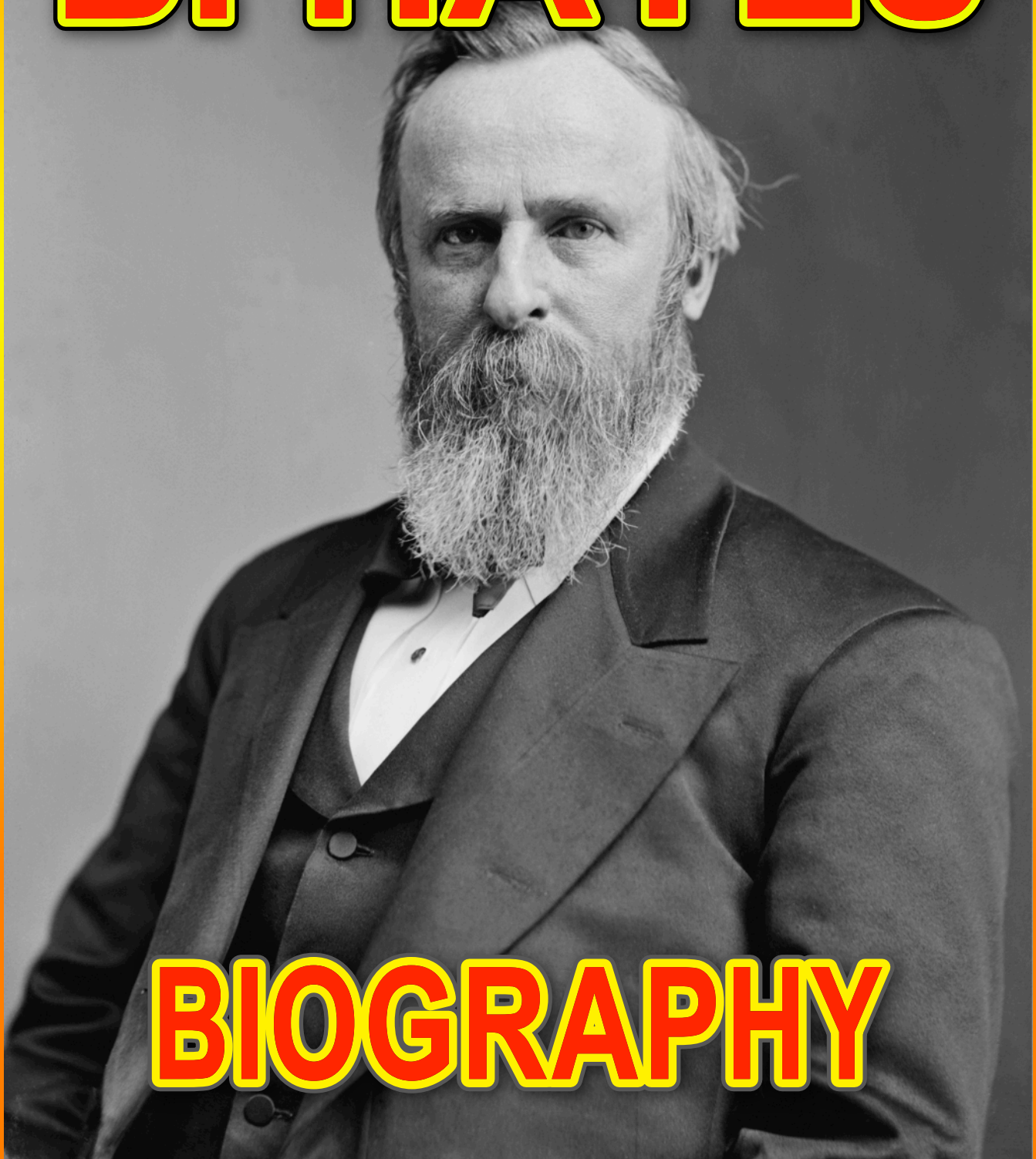


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Next, we need to find the key words that tell us what the story is about...

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: resistance	opposition

# 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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Later, Hayes became Governor of Ohio.

After his first term, Hayes did not run for re-election.

Then Hayes ran for president, but the election was disputed.

But Indians ended up losing even more of their land.

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3 Which state was Hayes governor of?

4 When did railroad workers go on strike?

5 Where did Hayes retire to?

# 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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