



# The Original Blue Back Speller : New York 1824 Patriotic Textbook Series

Noah Webster



The great American educator Noah Webster first published A Grammatical Institute of the English Language, otherwise known as the Blue Back Speller, in 1783. His goal was to provide a uniquely American, Christ-centered approach to training children. Little did he know that this remarkable little gem would become the staple for parents and educators for more than a century and would help to build the most literate nation in history of the West. Many of the Founding Fathers used this book to home school their children, including Benjamin Franklin who taught his granddaughter to read, spell, and pronounce words using Old Blue Back.

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