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He fought in the Civil War, was wounded in action five times. He earned a reputation for bravery and rose to the rank of major general. While still in the Army, Cincinnati Republicans ran him for the House of Representatives. He accepted the nomination and was elected by a heavy majority. Hayes entered Congress in December 1865. Between 1867 and 1876 he served three terms as Governor of Ohio.

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STUDENT A’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

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3. __________________________________________________________
4. __________________________________________________________
5. __________________________________________________________
6. __________________________________________________________

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)
STUDENT B’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. __________________________________________________________
2. __________________________________________________________
3. __________________________________________________________
4. __________________________________________________________
5. __________________________________________________________
6. __________________________________________________________
Write five GOOD questions about Rutherford B Hayes in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

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- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.
Write about Rutherford B Hayes for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.
HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google’s search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about Rutherford B Hayes. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Rutherford B Hayes. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. RUTHERFORD B HAYES POSTER Make a poster about Rutherford B Hayes. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY RUTHERFORD B HAYES LESSON: Make your own English lesson on Rutherford B Hayes. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

6. ONLINE SHARING: Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on Rutherford B Hayes. Share your findings with the class.