**“An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge” by Ambrose Bierce**

**Biography**

* 1842-1914???
* Had a deep scorn for human sentimentality—his writing captures this dark perspective through stories of war, which plays cruel jokes on humanity
* At age of 19, Bierce joined the 9th Indiana Volunteers and saw the two bloodiest battles of the Civil War: Shiloh and Chickamauga. He was severely wounded and cited for bravery no less than 15 times.
* In 1913, he set off for Mexico to join in the revolution. His last letter to friends read, *“Goodbye. If you hear of my being stood up against a Mexican stone wall and shot to rags please know that I think it a pretty good way to depart this life. It beats old age, disease, or falling down the cellar stairs.”* No further word was ever heard from him.

**Sequence of “OOCB”**

1. **The story we are about to read begins in chronological order, but then uses a flashback to fill in events. List the events in the order in which they appear in the story.**