

Dr. Seuss Scavenger Hunt Activity

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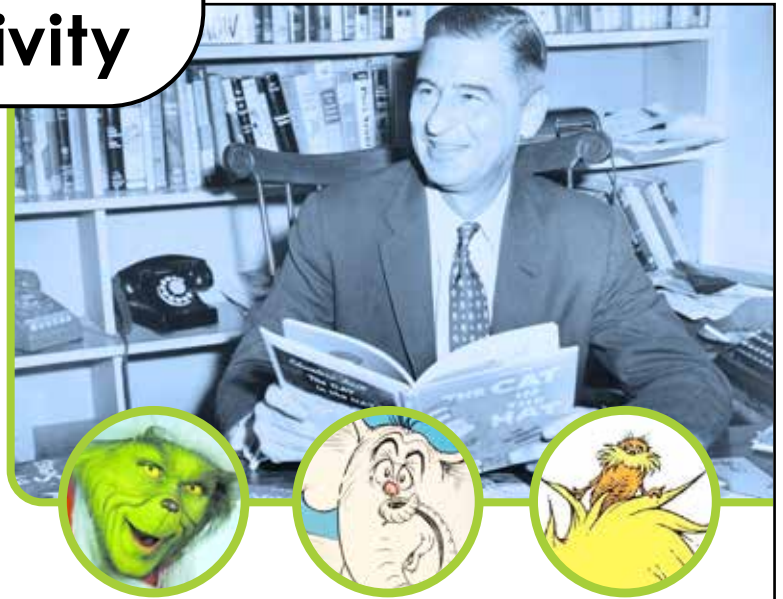
- 18 Dr. Seuss fact cards (pages 2–6)
- Dr. Seuss questions worksheet (pages 7–8)
- scissors
- scotch tape

Preparation

Print the fact cards and cut them apart.

Make copies of the Dr. Seuss questions worksheet (2-sided). Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide all 18 Dr. Seuss fact cards around your classroom where students will be able to find them. You can put them on the back of your classroom door, on chairs, on the computer



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You may want to make this a silent activity so students don't share answers with each other. You can have the kids work by themselves or with partners.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it's more fun when they have to search around a little.

Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
- the back of the classroom door
- lying flat on the classroom bookshelf
- on the side of the bookshelf
- on the back of the teacher's chair

Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.



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Dr. Seuss

Fact Card

1



Dr. Seuss's real name is Theodor Seuss Geisel. He went by many names on different books that he wrote. These

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Theodor Seuss Geisel went to Dartmouth College. He wrote for a magazine at the college. When he was told he couldn't write for the magazine anymore, he decided to use the name Seuss to continue writing in secret.

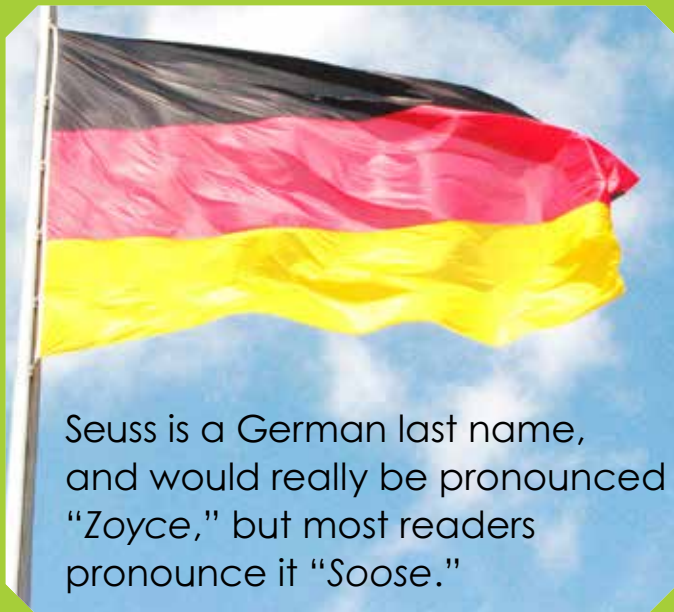


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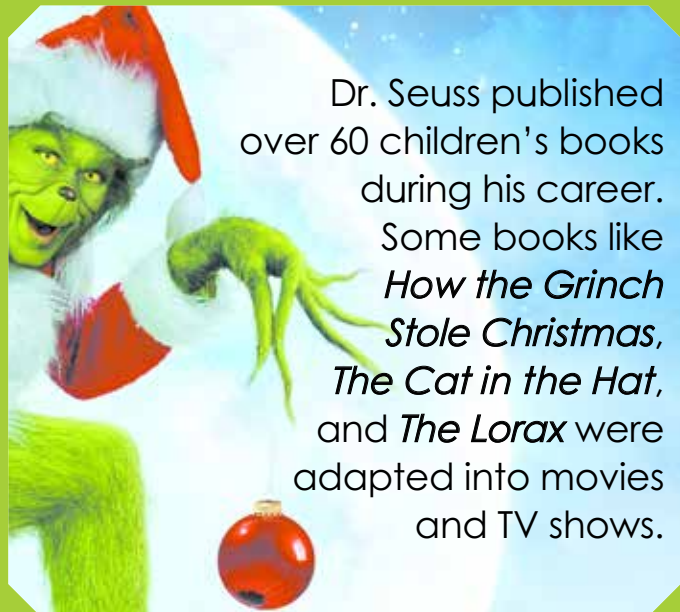
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Seuss is a German last name, and would really be pronounced "Zoyce," but most readers pronounce it "Soose."

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Dr. Seuss published over 60 children's books during his career. Some books like *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, *The Cat in the Hat*, and *The Lorax* were adapted into movies and TV shows.

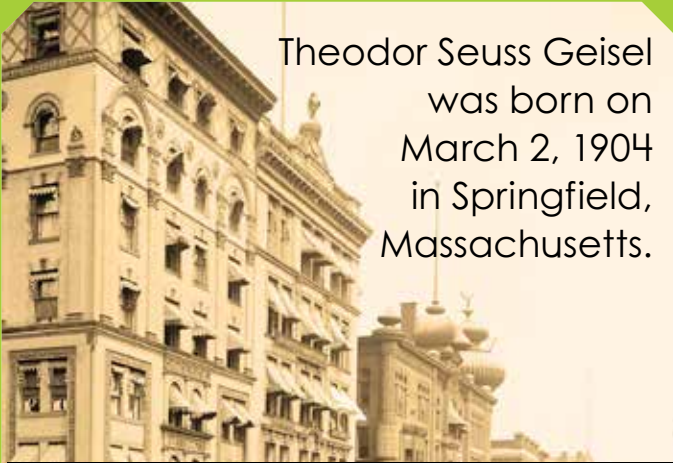


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Theodor Seuss Geisel was born on March 2, 1904 in Springfield, Massachusetts.

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Dr. Seuss wasn't actually a doctor. His dad always wanted him to go to school to be a doctor. So, he decided to add Dr. to his pen name.

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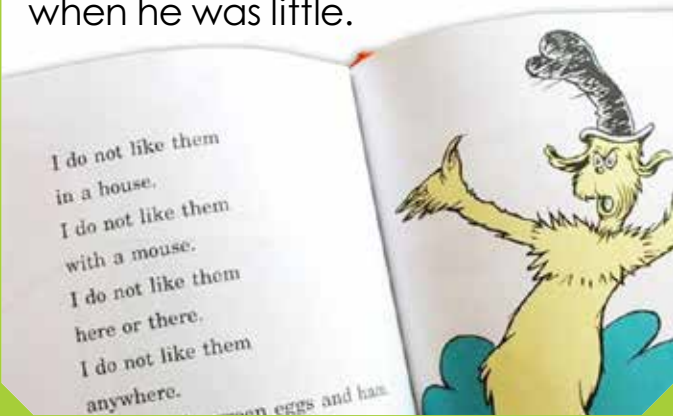
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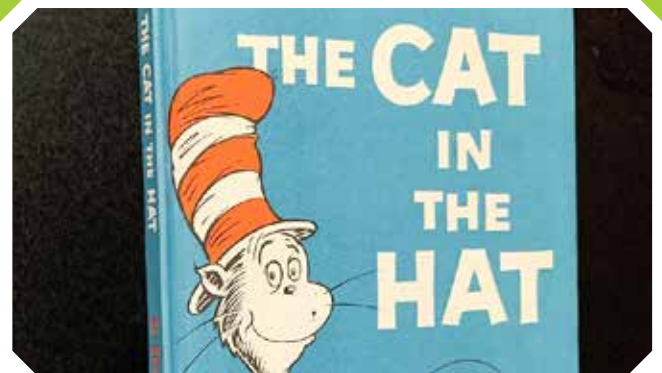
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Dr. Seuss loved poetry and rhyming. His mom used to make up many different rhymes to entertain him when he was little.



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The Cat in the Hat is a children's book that uses over 200 vocabulary words. It was published in 1957.



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The Lorax was published in 1971. It teaches about the importance of caring for the environment.



In this book the main character, the Lorax, fights to save the Truffula Trees.

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The book *Fox in Socks* is full of tongue tanglers! The two main characters are Fox and Knox.



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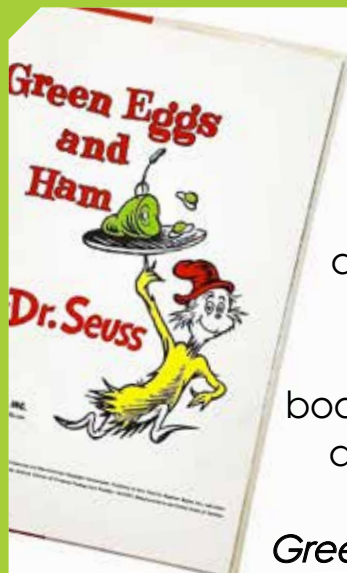
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Dr. Seuss wrote the book *Green Eggs and Ham* because of a bet. His publisher bet him that he couldn't write a book with 50 or fewer different words. So, Dr. Seuss wrote *Green Eggs and Ham!*



Horton Hears a Who was written in 1954. This book is about an elephant named Horton

and teaches kindness and perseverance. A famous line from this book is "A person's a person, no matter how small."

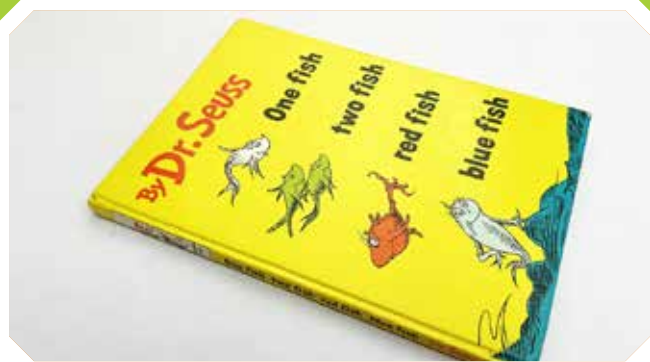


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Dr. Seuss published the book *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*.

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Dr. Seuss wrote the book *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* in 1990. This was the last book published before Dr. Seuss died. He died on September 24, 1991.



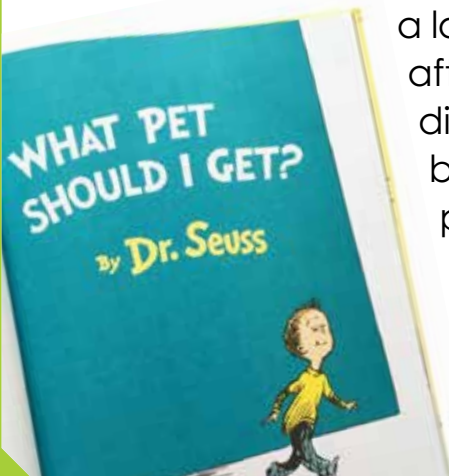

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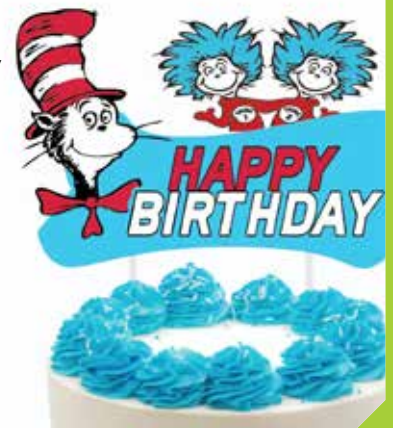
An unpublished book called *What Pet Should I Get?* was found a long time after Dr. Seuss died. This book was published in 2015.



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Read Across America Day is a day that celebrates the importance of reading. Read Across America Day occurs on Dr. Seuss's birthday each year.





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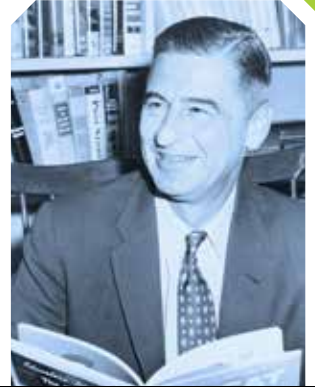
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When writing his books, Dr. Seuss used imaginative illustrations and clever rhymes. His stories are very fun to read. Most of his stories



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Fact Card 1: What is Dr. Seuss's real name?

Fact Card 2: What name did Theodor use after he was told he couldn't write for a magazine at Dartmouth?

Fact Card 3: How would you pronounce Seuss in German?



Fact Card 7: How did Dr. Seuss's mom entertain him when he was little?

Fact Card 8: What year was *The Cat in the Hat* published?

Fact Card 9: What is the lesson in the book *The Lorax*?

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Fact Card 10: The book *Fox in Socks* has a lot of tongue _____.

Fact Card 11: Why did Dr. Seuss write the book *Green Eggs and Ham*?

Fact Card 12: Which Dr. Seuss book is the famous line "A person's a person, no matter how small" from?



Fact Card 15: What Dr. Seuss book was published in 2015, after Dr. Seuss died?

Fact Card 16: When is Read Across America Day?

Fact Card 17: True or false: Dr. Seuss illustrated most of his books. _____

Fact Card 18: What two things did Dr. Seuss use in his books?

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