

# Dr. Seuss

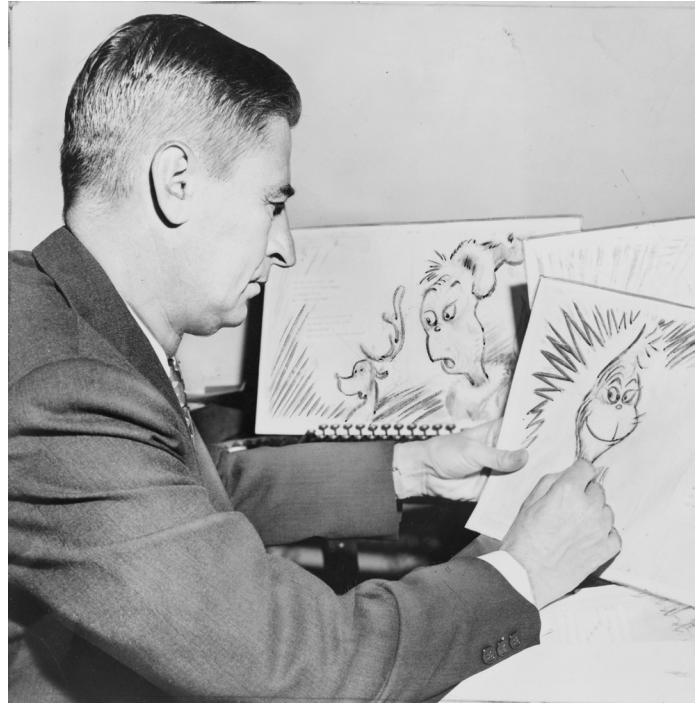
Have you heard of Theodor (Ted) Seuss Geisel? Probably not. That is because the name he used on his books was Dr. Seuss. You probably have read some of his books. *The Cat in the Hat* is a very famous one. Another one is *Green Eggs and Ham*.

## Childhood

Ted was born in Massachusetts in 1904. His father came to the United States from Germany. Ted's mother liked to make up rhymes. She taught her son how to make things rhyme. He liked to do that. He also liked to write funny poems. He read comic books and drew cartoons, too.

## Different Jobs

Ted studied to be an English teacher. But his future wife saw him drawing. She thought he should be an artist. So that is what Ted did. Ted worked at many different jobs. He drew cartoons for magazines. He made films in Hollywood. Then he started to write. He got the idea for his first book while he was on a ship going to Europe. It was called *And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street*.



Library of Congress/Al Ravenna

## Success

At first, no one wanted to print Ted's book. But after it was printed, everyone liked it. They liked the way he rhymed his words. They liked his colorful drawings. After that, Dr. Seuss wrote lots of books. They were very popular. Some of them were made into movies. Perhaps you have seen *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. That is based on one of Dr. Seuss's best books.

Books by Dr. Seuss have helped children around the world learn how to read. His books for children use few words but they are often repeated. This makes reading easier and more fun. Although he spent much of his life writing books for children, Dr. Seuss never had any children of his own.



34

This article mainly tells \_\_\_\_\_ .

- Ⓐ about Dr. Seuss's parents
- Ⓑ about Dr. Seuss going to Europe
- Ⓒ about the first book that Dr. Seuss wrote
- Ⓓ about the life of Dr. Seuss

36

Which question is not answered in the article?

- Ⓐ Why did Ted use the name Dr. Seuss?
- Ⓑ What was the name of Ted's first book?
- Ⓒ What did Ted do in Hollywood?
- Ⓓ Where was Ted's father from?

35

Which of these is an *opinion* in the article?

- Ⓐ Ted studied to be an English teacher.
- Ⓑ Ted was born in Massachusetts in 1904
- Ⓒ That is based on one of Dr. Seuss's best books.
- Ⓓ At first, no one wanted to print his book.

37

Why did the author write this article?

- Ⓐ To tell about a famous author
- Ⓑ To explain how books are printed
- Ⓒ To tell a funny story
- Ⓓ To give information about writing

GO ON 

38

You can tell that this article is nonfiction because it \_\_\_\_\_ .

- Ⓐ gives the names of books
- Ⓑ talks about Hollywood movies
- Ⓒ gives facts about a real person
- Ⓓ talks about children

40

How did Dr. Seuss's mother shape his writing?

- Ⓐ She taught him to rhyme words.
- Ⓑ She told him to be an artist.
- Ⓒ She taught him about Germany.
- Ⓓ She liked to write books.

39

Under what heading would a reader find information about Ted's parents?

- Ⓐ The Cat in the Hat
- Ⓑ Childhood
- Ⓒ Different Jobs
- Ⓓ Success

41

Why did Dr. Seuss become an artist?

- Ⓐ His mother was an artist.
- Ⓑ He could rhyme words.
- Ⓒ His father wanted him to become one.
- Ⓓ His future wife told him he should.



Explain why people like Dr. Seuss's books. In your answer, use details and examples from the article that support your explanations. Write your answer on the lines below.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

