

Dr. Seuss Fact # 1



Did you know that Dr. Seuss is a pen name? The author's real name is Theodore Seuss Geisel, but his friends and family called him Ted.

Dr. Seuss Fact # 2

Ted was not a real doctor. Ted added Dr. to his name to honor his father who always wanted him to become a doctor.



Dr. Seuss Fact # 3

Theodore Seuss Geisel was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on March 2, 1904. His birthday has been chosen as Read Across America Day. Each year it's a day for kids and teachers to celebrate how important and fun reading can be!



Dr. Seuss Fact # 4

When Ted was a child his mother would make up silly songs based on pie flavors to entertain him. Ted believed his mother was the reason he loved rhyme, rhythm, and words.



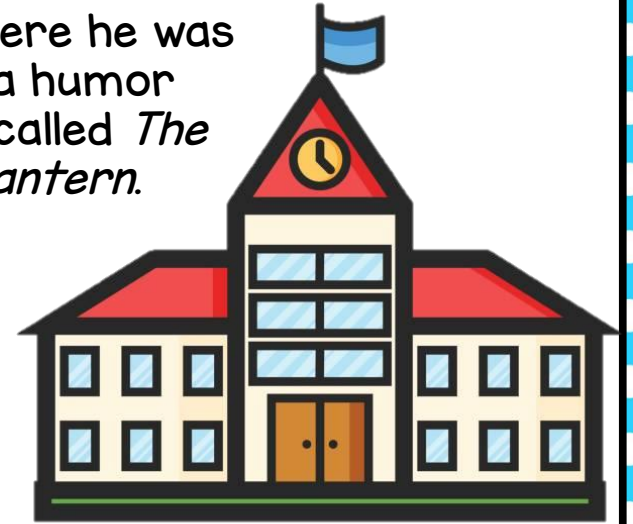
Dr. Seuss Fact # 5

Growing up, Ted loved animals, reading, and drawing. Ted lived six blocks from the zoo and enjoyed drawing the animals there. When he was twelve years old, Ted won first place in a drawing contest.



Dr. Seuss Fact # 6

Ted went to Dartmouth College where he was editor of a humor magazine called *The Jack-O-Lantern*.



Dr. Seuss Fact # 7

The first book written and illustrated by Dr. Seuss was, *And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street*. This book was rejected 27 times before it was published!



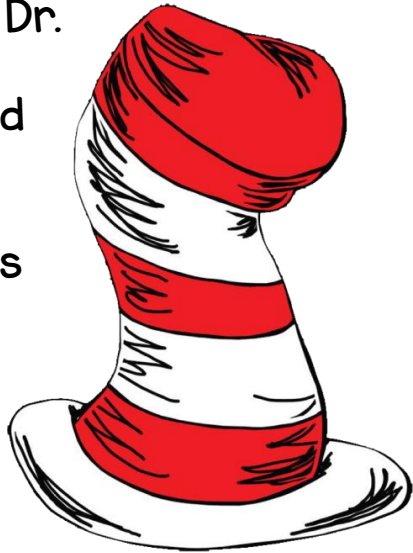
Dr. Seuss Fact # 8

Dr. Seuss wrote *Green Eggs and Ham* on a bet that he could not write a book with 50 or fewer different words!



Dr. Seuss Fact # 9

Did you know that Dr. Seuss collected hats? Dr. Seuss had hundreds of hats that he kept in a secret closet at his home.



Dr. Seuss Fact # 10

The Cat in the Hat was written as result of a challenge. William Spaulding challenged Dr. Seuss to write a book children could not put down using no more than 225 different words.



Dr. Seuss Fact # 11

Dr. Seuss books are so popular, they have made eleven TV shows, a Broadway musical, and movies!



Dr. Seuss Fact # 12

Besides being an author, Dr. Seuss worked on cartoons and advertisements. Dr. Seuss even joined the army during World War II. He was commander of the Animation Department.



Dr. Seuss Fact # 13

Dr. Seuss used other names for books he wrote, or pen names. These names include Dr. Theophrastus Seuss, Theo LeSieg (his real name spelled backwards), and Rosetta Stone.



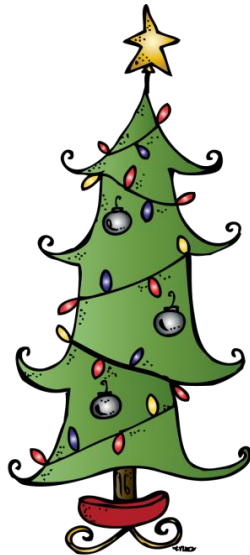
Dr. Seuss Fact # 14

Dr. Seuss' first book was inspired by a ship! He wrote the book while returning from a vacation by boat. His boredom on the trip inspired him to write a poem to the rhythm of the ship's engine.



Dr. Seuss Fact # 15

The inspiration for the Grinch came from Dr. Seuss himself. The day after Christmas, Dr. Seuss noticed how grumpy he looked in the mirror. He decided to write a story as a way to bring back part of Christmas he had lost.



Dr. Seuss Fact # 16

What is your favorite Dr. Seuss book? Some of Dr. Seuss' most popular books are:

- * *The Cat in the Hat*
- * *Horton Hears a Who!*
- * *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*
- * *Green Eggs and Ham*
- * *The Lorax*
- * *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*



Dr. Seuss Fact # 17

Would you want to see life-size bronze statues of Dr. Seuss characters? You can see the Lorax and more at the Dr. Seuss National Memorial Sculpture Garden. This garden is located in Dr. Seuss' hometown of Springfield, Massachusetts.



Dr. Seuss Fact # 18

Dr. Seuss has received many awards. One of the greatest was the Pulitzer Prize which he was given in 1984.



Dr. Seuss Fact # 19

Dr. Seuss passed away on September 24, 1991 at the age of 87. This great author never had any children of his own.



Dr. Seuss Fact # 20

Dr. Seuss wrote and illustrated 44 children's books. These books have sold over 600 million copies and been translated into more than 20 languages. Kids all over the world have loved and grown up with Dr. Seuss books.

