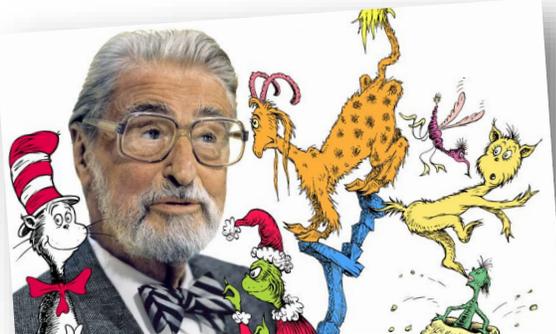


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## All Things Whimsical!



“Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try!” ~Dr. Seuss

Everyone has read or seen *The Cat in the Hat* or *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, right? How about *Green Eggs and Ham* or *The Lorax*? Who was this unique, whimsical author that has inspired so many children to love the world of reading with the whimsical illustrations in his books? Dr. Seuss of course!

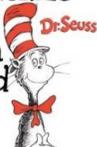
## Dr. Seuss had 4 Names

Dr. Seuss was even playful and whimsical with his name. We know this artist as Dr. Seuss, but his real name was Theodore Seuss Geisel. He was called Ted for short. But did you know he also wrote books under the name of Theo LeSieg? He chose this name because LeSieg is backwards for Geisel! He sure was a playful, whimsical man! What's your name backwards?

## Whimsical Facts about Dr. Seuss

- Dr. Seuss wrote *Green Eggs and Ham* on a dare! His publisher dared him to write a book with less than 50 words.
- Dr. Seuss did not have his own children. In fact, he was uncomfortable around children and their unpredictable behavior. Wha-a-a-t?!
- Dr. Seuss has written and illustrated 44 children's books. His books have been translated in over 15 languages.
- Nationwide Read Across America is celebrated each year on Dr. Seuss' birthday. Across the country, schools, libraries and communities celebrate bringing children, students and books to inspire the love of reading.

We are all a little weird and life's a little weird, and when we find someone whose weirdness is compatible with ours, we join up with them and fall in mutual weirdness and call it love.



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Now that you are a whimsical artist, take another look at books written by Dr. Seuss. You will have a greater understanding of his stories and illustrations now that you are a whimsical artist too!

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*The concept of time* and changing time has been imagined, articulated and expressed by artists since man first began to draw pictures inside cave walls. Perhaps no other concept is as universal to the human condition as the unavoidable effect of the passing of time, always forward, never backwards. All things change in time. Changes in people's lives as well as changes to society and even the planet have all been documented by the artist. The clock is a ubiquitous subject in art, either as part of the background or as a featured item.

*Rembrandt Van Rijn* was famous for painting a series of self-portraits over time. You can see below how his image changes across each portrait below

(1630-1669):



## Challenge Activities:

- 1 - Draw a sequence of pictures to illustrate the passage of time on an object. What makes you choose that object?