

ALL ABOUT SEUSS WEB TREK

A. INTRODUCTION

Who says Seuss is only for kids? We can all enjoy his works, at any age, with his whimsical drawings and appealing, quirky stories and rhymes. Learn a little bit more about the man behind the works in this web trek. Use the URLs below to answer the Student Questions in Part C.

B. RESOURCES

Theodor Geisel:

<http://www.notablebiographies.com/Fi-Gi/Geisel-Theodor.html>

<http://www.seussville.com/author.html>

C. STUDENT QUESTIONS

1. How did the young Theodor Seuss Geisel develop his own artistic style?
2. Describe Seuss's career, before turning to writing books.
3. What was Seuss's first book? When did he write it? Under what circumstances did he write this book? How was it received?
4. What was Seuss's most famous book, and what was the supposed bet behind it?
5. Which Seuss book uses only 50 different words?
6. What is some of Seuss's advice on writing for kids?
7. Statistics: how many books did Geisel write? How many languages were they translated into? How many copies of books has he sold? Of the top ten all-time bestselling kids' books, how many belonged to Seuss?
8. Whom did Geisel credit for his books' rhythms?
9. What is the first record of Geisel's use of the pseudonym "Seuss"? Under what circumstances did he use it?
10. Who gave him advice at Oxford against becoming a professor, and what was that advice?