

Dr. Seuss's

How The GRINCH

STOLE CHRISTMAS!
THE MUSICAL

ABOUT THE SHOW

WHO, WHO, WHOOOO is Dr. Seuss?

Since its inception, the Grinch has won over many hearts of all ages, despite spending so long not having a very large heart of his own. The famous story of a recluse living with his faithful dog, Max, high on Mount Crumpit is celebrating 69 years in publication this year and doesn't show any signs of slowing down spreading the message of love, kindness, and true gifts are found when moments are shared. It's but one of many stories created by the late, great Dr. Seuss.

Theodor Seuss Geisel was born on March 2, 1904 in Springfield, Massachusetts, was a famed author, illustrator, animator, and cartoonist. He was always drawing fabulous creations of how he saw animals and the world. His love for creating never disappeared and while he pursued a degree in English at Dartmouth, he continued to use his gifts while working as the editor-in-chief and illustrator for Dartmouth's college humor magazine, *The Dartmouth Jack-O-Lantern*.

After graduating from Dartmouth, he began his doctoral studies in philosophy at Lincoln College, Oxford. It was there that he met the woman who would later become his wife, Helen Palmer. She always took note of the numerous books he kept that were filled with his drawings, short stories, and short poems. It was Helen that convinced him to give up on his studies to pursue a career in the arts.

When he left Oxford, he moved back to America and started working for a magazine called *The Saturday Evening Post* in 1927. It was his first paid work as a comic artist, and they paid him \$25 for his piece! It was that job that gave him the courage to move to New York City and begin his illustration career. He had steady work creating for *LIFE magazine*, *Vanity Fair*, and advertising companies. Although, Theodor never earned a doctoral degree, he used it as part of his pen name as a tribute to his father who wished for him to be a doctor. His middle name, "Seuss", comes from his mother's maiden name.

It wasn't until a chance encounter with a former classmate that he was able to get his book, *And To Think That I Saw That On Mulberry Street*, published. When World War II ravaged the world, Dr. Seuss used his talents to support the U.S. war effort, joining the Army as a Captain and taking charge of the Animation Department charged with creating films that were distributed post World War II to promote peace in Germany and Japan.

He moved to California after the war and continued his writing, now with prose. He published his first hit in 1950, *If I Ran the Zoo*, which led to the numerous stories that he would bring to life that would delight readers to this very day.

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Learn Your Vocabulary

Recluse – a person who lives in solitude and avoids other people or society.

Inception – the beginning, start, or establishment of something, such as an organization, a project, or an activity.

Maiden Name – the family last name a person has from birth before they get married and change their surname. It is most often used to describe a woman's birth surname before she takes her spouse's last name.

Philosophy – the systematic, critical study of fundamental questions about existence, knowledge, values, reason, mind, and language.

Prose – the most common form of written and spoken language. It uses standard grammatical structures and natural speech patterns instead of the rhythmic structure and line breaks found in poetry.

Questions from the Reading

Using the reading above, answer the below questions.

1. If the book, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, is 69 years old this year (2026), what year did it first appear on shelves?
 - A. 1857
 - B. 1969
 - C. 1956
 - D. 1957

2. Dr. Seuss earned his Doctorate degree.
 - A. True
 - B. False

3. What was the paper that Dr. Seuss wrote for while at Dartmouth College?
 - A. The Dartmouth Christmas Tree
 - B. The Dartmouth Dreidel
 - C. The Dartmouth Easter Egg
 - D. The Dartmouth Jack-O-Lantern

4. Dr. Seuss joined the army with the rank of Lieutenant.
 - A. True
 - B. False

5. How much was Dr. Seuss paid for his first published piece?
 - A. \$0.25
 - B. \$2.50
 - C. \$25.00
 - D. \$250.00

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SCALING MOUNT CRUMPIT

In the story of Dr Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas, the Grinch lives on top of Mount Crumpit with his faithful dog, Max. The mountain is described as a cold, snowy peak rising 3,000 to 10,000 feet high directly north of Whoville.

There are 5 main rock formations that all mountains can be categorized into: Volcanic, Fold, Dome, Fault-Block, or Plateau. Each formation is created by how tectonics or molten-magma has forced changed on the Earth's surface.

Mountains can then be classified even further by their structure and appearance. No matter the type of mountain, they all have the same 4 elements! Those elements are:

Base: The lowest part, the bottom, this is the very beginning of the rise the side.

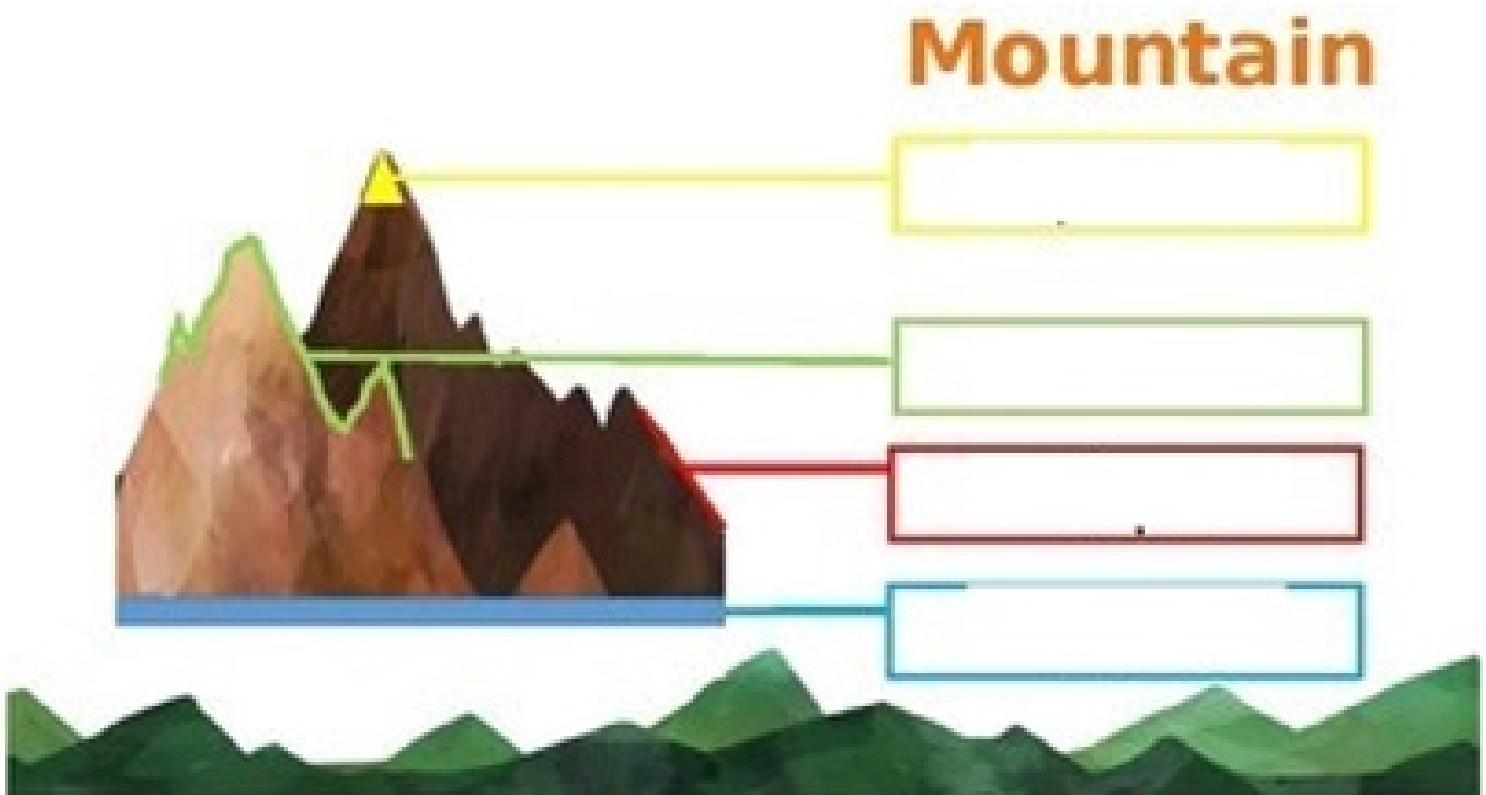
Slope: this is the inclined surface that forms a mountain's side. It can reach down to the valley/base of the mountain.

Crest: this is the point where opposite slopes meet and connect.

Peak: is the summit of the mountain, the highest point.

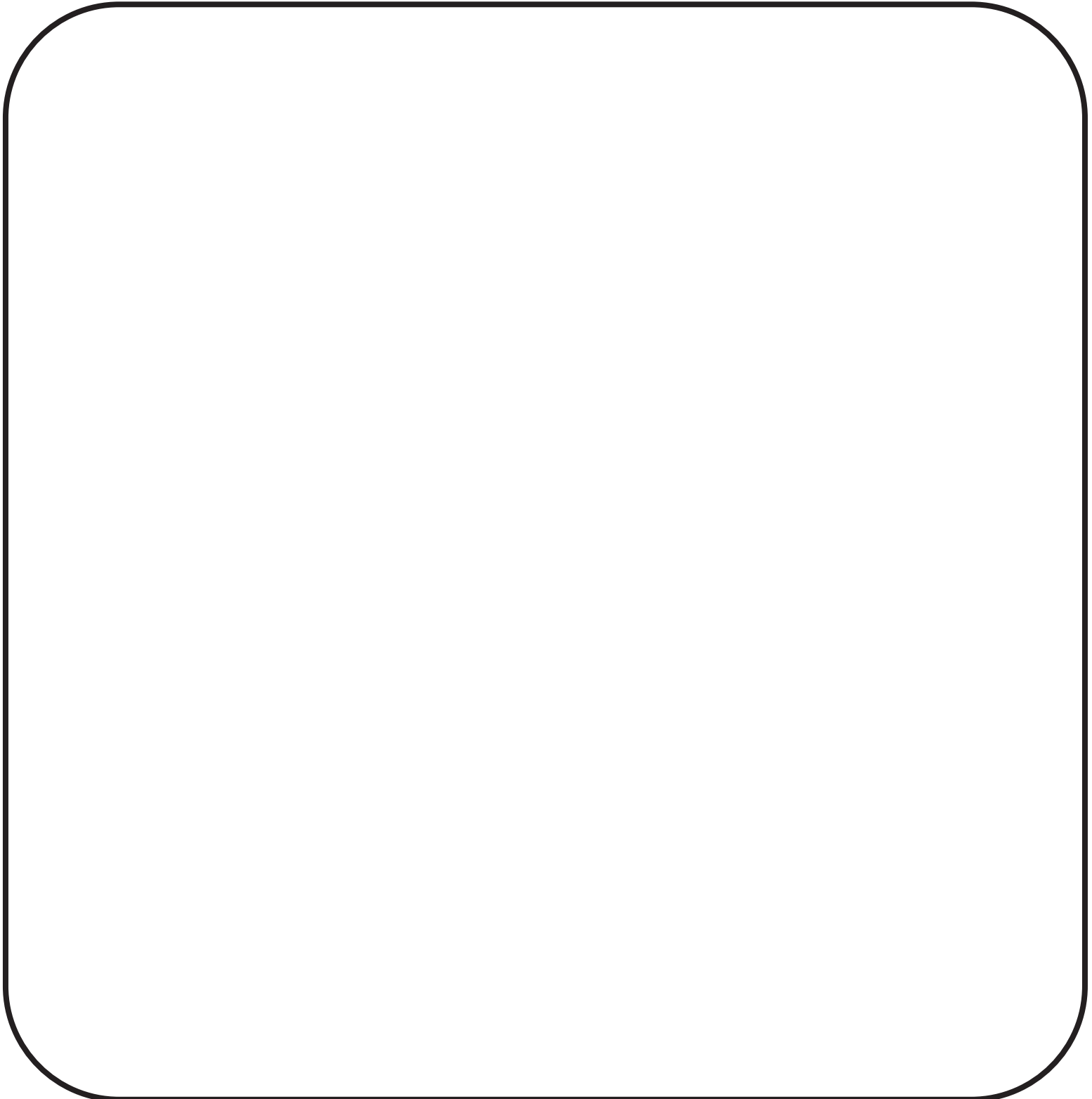
Using the terms below, label the mountain with the correct element!

BASE – SLOPE – CREST – PEAK



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USE THE SPACE TO CREATE YOUR OWN MT. CRUMPIT
WITH A CAVE AND LABEL THE PARTS OF YOUR MOUNTAIN!



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WORD SEARCH

Look up, down, and all over to find the words below in the word search!

**Whoville - Stink - Stank - Stunk - Fahoo Forays - Dahoo Dorays - Cheer
Mount Crumpit - Feast - Noise - Grinch - Max - Cindy Lou Who**

S	P	B	D	T	D	C	I	N	D	Y	L	O	U	W	H	O	H	S	R
B	S	G	X	F	E	W	F	N	E	N	X	G	D	C	R	L	M	N	C
U	L	T	T	B	W	M	Z	H	E	T	X	U	A	H	E	K	V	M	N
Z	K	X	U	N	G	Z	A	T	J	I	R	O	H	E	D	G	E	Y	D
J	N	R	O	N	K	Q	B	X	Z	F	U	L	O	E	X	R	B	B	G
O	S	M	U	Y	K	S	X	S	I	A	Z	I	O	R	P	I	Q	T	V
P	A	Z	Y	Y	M	C	Y	J	H	P	G	F	D	Y	I	N	A	P	S
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T	J	L	V	Q	B	Y	U	S	P	H	T	Q	R	Z	S	H	K	S	W
K	G	C	R	N	F	H	W	N	U	C	N	Z	A	R	X	T	W	I	H
K	O	I	X	D	Z	A	P	K	T	T	Y	B	Y	G	V	R	I	S	Q
R	B	L	R	P	A	S	H	B	W	C	A	G	S	L	L	L	N	N	W
V	E	A	U	T	F	Y	Q	O	H	J	R	L	W	N	O	I	S	E	K
G	E	S	L	H	N	W	B	T	O	H	S	U	N	Q	C	O	Z	I	O
C	W	A	A	H	F	V	G	E	V	F	G	T	M	U	O	W	W	A	Z
V	U	B	D	L	T	U	A	D	I	D	O	C	A	P	M	W	O	F	S
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P	V	Z	W	G	L	W	F	V	L	I	E	U	A	E	K	T	D	A	L
W	P	L	I	L	E	Z	P	F	E	R	Q	Z	S	Y	J	B	W	S	P
D	R	S	B	L	B	U	C	L	T	W	E	J	H	H	S	U	H	T	P

ANSWER KEY

Answer Key

Questions from the Reading

1. D
2. B
3. D
4. B
5. C

S P B D T D C I N D Y L O U W H O H S R
B S G X F E W F N E N X G D C R L M N C
U L T T B W M Z H E T X U A H E K V M N
Z K X U N G Z A T J I R O H E D G E Y D
J N R O N K Q B X Z F U L O E X R B B G
O S M U Y K S X S I A Z I O R P I Q T V
P A Z Y Y M C Y J H P G F D Y I N A P S
L J U B O S O K Q M Z X I O K Z C S S E
T J L V Q B Y U S P H T Q R Z S H K S W
K G C R N F H W N U C N Z A R X T W I H
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R B L R P A S H B W C A G S L L L N N W
V E A U T F Y Q O H J R L W N O T S E K
G E S L H N W B T O H S U N Q C O Z I O
C W A A H F V G E V F G T M U O W W A Z
V U B D L T U A D I D O C A P M W O F S
A O K E R W C W A L E N R X N I V K E O
P V Z W G L W F V L I E U A E K T D A L
W P L I L E Z P F E R Q Z S Y I B W S P
D R S B L B U C L T W E J H H S U H T P



Standards

RI.1.1: Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.

RL.3.1: Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

8.ESS.2: Earth's lithosphere consists of major and minor tectonic plates that move relative to each other

4.ESS.1: Earth's surface has specific characteristics and landforms that can be identified