



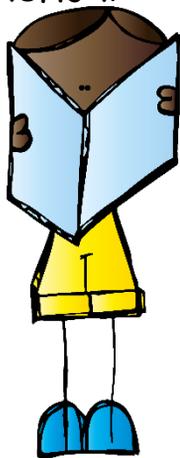
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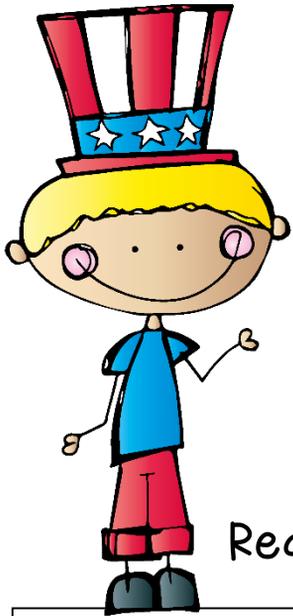
Main Idea

Read the passage. Answer the questions that follow.

Andrew Carnegie can be credited with helping to spread literacy across America. This man made millions in the late 1800s as the founder of Carnegie Steel Company. He donated much of his wealth to the effort of building libraries in communities large and small throughout the nation. The first Carnegie library was built in Braddock, Pennsylvania, the home of one of Carnegie Steel Company's mills. Over the next 30 years, nearly 1800 Carnegie libraries were built throughout the United States. Towns wanting money from Carnegie to build a library had to request a grant. Few were refused. Carnegie felt that a library was one of the best things that a community could give itself because it gave people the opportunity to improve themselves. Generations of Americans have benefited from the generosity of Andrew Carnegie.

1. Which of the following sentences best states the main idea of the passage?
 - A. Andrew Carnegie donated much of his wealth to others.
 - B. Communities across America have a Carnegie Library.
 - C. Andrew Carnegie helped build nearly 1800 libraries in America.
 - D. Andrew Carnegie donated his wealth to help build libraries across America.
2. Which would be the best title for this passage?
 - A. Andrew Carnegie's Gift to Generations of Americans
 - B. The Wealth of Andrew Carnegie
 - C. Libraries Across America
 - D. Libraries Are an Opportunity to Improve Yourself





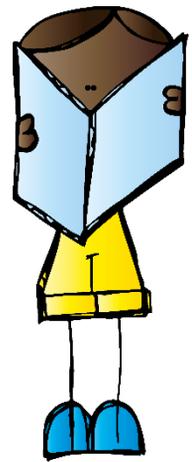
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Theodor Seuss Geisel was born on March 2, 1904. He was known as Ted as he was growing up. When he began writing cartoons for magazines in 1927, he used his middle name to create a pen name – Dr. Theophrastus Seuss. The next year he shortened it to Dr. Seuss. He continued to use this alternate name on most of the children’s books he wrote. Most people pronounce the name wrong, however. They pronounce it so that it rhymes with “goose”. “Seuss” is supposed to rhyme with “voice”. Regardless of how you pronounce his name, most people would agree that Dr. Seuss is one of the greatest children’s authors of all time.

3. Which of the following sentences best states the main idea of the passage?
- A. Dr. Seuss was the pen name that Theodor Geisel chose to use when he wrote most of his children’s books.
 - B. Seuss was the middle name of Theodor Geisel.
 - C. Dr. Seuss is one of the greatest children’s book authors of all time.
 - D. “Seuss” is supposed to rhyme with “voice”.
4. Which would be the best title for this passage?
- A. Dr. Seuss
 - B. Dr. Seuss’ Name
 - C. Are You Saying Dr. Seuss’ Name Correctly?
 - D. A Great American Author





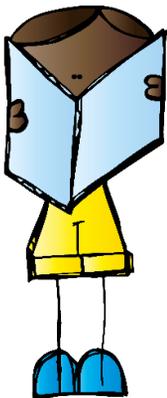
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Read the passage. Answer the questions that follow.

When kids hear the word “reading”, the act of reading a fiction book is the first thing that comes to mind for most of them. However, reading extends way beyond that for Americans. Almost everything we do involves some form of reading. Signs and labels surround us. Try to imagine grocery shopping or preparing meals without the ability to read. Descriptions on package labels help us to understand what is inside, and how to prepare it. Some products also contain warning labels, and it is important to be able to read these labels to use them safely. The ability to read also gets us from place to place. Words on signs and maps help direct us on the highway, in the subway, at the airport, even at Disneyland! Today’s American culture makes reading an important skill for kids to master.

5. Which of the following sentences best states the main idea of the passage?
- Kids don’t realize the many types of reading they do every day.
 - If you cannot read, you might get hurt.
 - It would be difficult to prepare meals if you could not read recipes.
 - Being able to read helps us in many areas of our daily lives.
6. Which would be the best title for this passage?
- What Have YOU Read Today?
 - Reading Takes You Places
 - Reading: An Everyday Skill
 - Why Kids Should Read Every Day





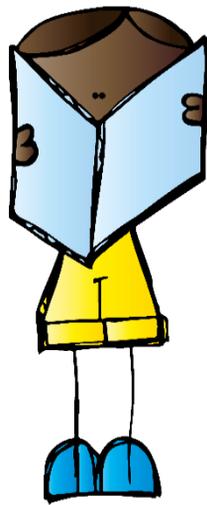
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On March 2 of each year, Americans come together to remember famous children's book author Dr. Seuss and to promote reading. The official name of this event is "Read Across America Day". The March 2nd date was selected because it is the birthdate of Dr. Seuss. On this day, students in classrooms across America read Dr. Seuss' books or do special activities related to Dr. Seuss and reading. Sometimes local libraries, hospitals, bookstores, and community centers host special events to show support for Read Across America Day. The first Read Across America Day was celebrated in 1998. Although Dr. Seuss died in 1991 and never lived to experience a Read Across America Day, most people agree that he would have been proud to have his name attached to such a worthwhile cause.

7. Which of the following sentences best states the main idea of the passage?
- Read Across America Day is March 2.
 - Read Across America Day is an event to remember Dr. Seuss and promote reading.
 - Read Across America Day is a fun day.
 - Dr. Seuss died in 1991 and never participated in a Read Across America Day event.
8. Which would be the best title for this passage?
- Dr. Seuss' Birthday
 - A Day to Read Books
 - The Life of Dr. Seuss
 - Read Across America Day





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Read the passage. Answer the questions that follow.

If you think librarians just check out books to people, then think again! Many men and women choose a career as a librarian with the desire to pass along *their love* of reading to future generations. They meet this goal in many different ways. One of the main responsibilities of a librarian is to help people find information. There is a wealth of information to be found from so many different sources - books, magazines, videos, websites, newspapers (just to name a few!) – and librarians organize it so people can find what they are looking for. Many librarians also share their love of reading with children by organizing special programs at the library, like a summer reading program or a special reading program for preschoolers. Perhaps the next item coming due at your library isn't a book, but a thank you to your librarian for everything they do!

9. Which of the following sentences best states the main idea of the passage?
- People that need help finding a book should ask a librarian for help.
 - Be sure to tell your librarian thank you for everything they do.
 - Librarians have a variety of roles and responsibilities.
 - Librarians love to read.
10. Which would be the best title for this passage?
- Have You Thanked Your Librarian Lately?
 - Librarians Like to Help People
 - Librarians
 - Librarians: So Much More than Checking out Books

