



**Passports: Adventures in Learning  
Life Lessons with Dr. Seuss  
The Sneetches  
Curriculum Guide gr. 3-5**

**Vocabulary**

Maybe you have seen or heard some of these words before. Use the story to define the following words:

1. Frankfurter
2. Moping
3. Peculiar
4. Sly
5. Contraption

**Activity 1**

Participate in the Passport or read *The Sneetches* as a class. Discuss the events in the story. Students will then retell the story or act it out.

**Activity 2**

Draw a picture of activities the Sneetches might be doing on the beaches after Mr. McBean left. How would their lives be different?

**Activity 3**

If the Sneetches were related to an animal in the real-life, what animal would it be? Explain why and/or draw a picture of the animal next to a Sneetch and point out the similarities.

#### **Activity 4**

Sum up the lesson learned by the Sneetches in your own words. For example, “you can’t judge a book by its cover” or “cheaters never win”.

#### **Discussion Questions/Writing Prompts**

1. If you were one of the characters in this story, who would it be? Explain why.
2. Was Sylvester McMonkey McBean a good-guy or a bad-guy? Explain your opinion.
3. Explain what the Sneetches learned in the story.
4. What might have happened to the Sneetches on the beaches if Mr. McBean had not come along?
5. If you were a Sneetch, would you wish you had a star or did not have a star on your tummy after Mr. McBean left? Or would it not matter to you? Discuss your answer with classmates.

## Math Practice

Sylvester McMonkey McBean charged \$3.00 to put stars on thars, and he charged \$10.00 to remove stars from thars.

1. If a Sneetch had a star removed twice and put back on twice, how much would it cost?
2. If a Star-Bellied Sneetch went through the machine 5 times, would he be a Star-Belly Sneetch at the end of the day or a Plain-Belly Sneetch?
3. If 8 Sneetches had stars removed and 5 Sneetches had stars put on, how much money would Sylvester McMonkey McBean make?
4. Make up three more word problems for classmates to solve.

## Answers:

1. \$26.00
2. Star-Belly Sneetch
3. \$95.00

