

Diary of
Saint-Bénigne

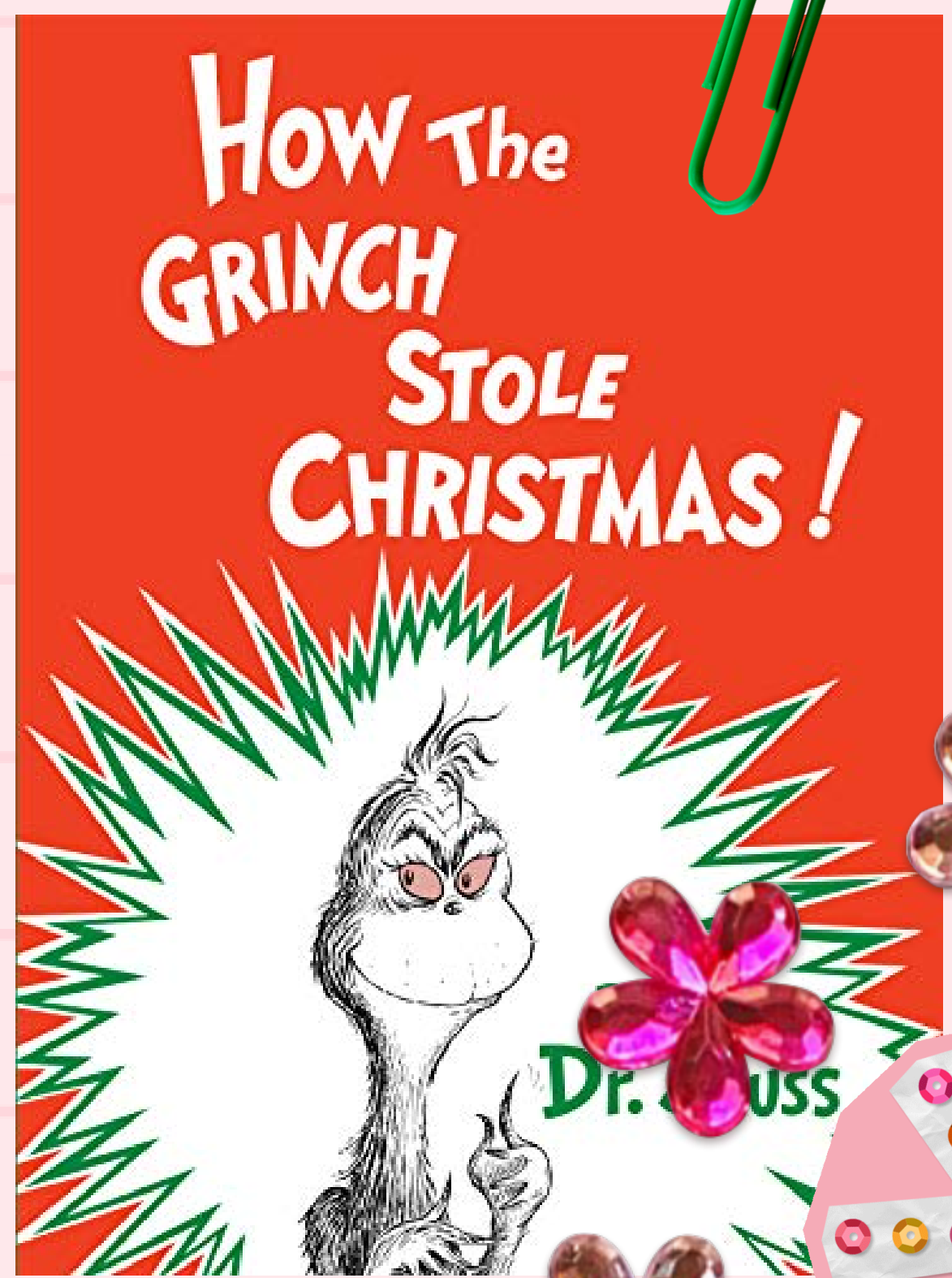


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Dear Diary,
Today I went to the Saint Benigne Middle School to speak with students so they could practice speaking with a native speaker. The first two classes I went to, I was able to read "How the Grinch Stole Christmas", and share a classic holiday story with the group.



After I read the story to them, they were welcome to ask me questions about my life in France and in the United States. The kids mostly wanted to know if school in the US was really similar to how it's portrayed in the movies. They also wanted to know why I came to France.



The third class I went to prepared questions for me about working in the United States. Even though I told them about my student jobs I had when I lived in Kentucky, they were all more interested in my personal life. These kids wanted to know what my favorite American brands were and what Americans thought about French people. Overall I was really impressed with their level of English, they just need to learn to not be shy and practice as much as they can in the real world.



I informed the school I would be happy to return and speak/do activities with their students at anytime, because for me it's important that they practice their English with a real English speaker. Additionally, these are our future French citizens and their global perspective is vital for the prosperous future of France.

