

**1st Grade Curriculum Guide Book Summary**

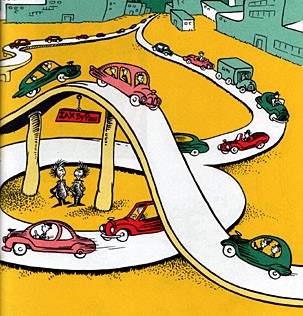
**Book Title: *The Sneetches and Other Stories***

**Story Title: *The Zax***

**Author:** Dr. Seuss

**Main characters:** The North-Going Zax and the South-Going Zax

**Executive summary:** Two Zax miss out on happiness and living full lives because of their selfishness and self-centeredness.

**Detailed summary:** One day in the prairie of Prax, a North-Going Zax and a South-Going Zax meet up with each other. Each Zax refuses to step aside and let the other go on their way. They are stubborn and refuse to budge. So they stand toe to toe and face to face refusing to move. They argue about who is in whose way. The North-Going Zax says he always goes north and will not step outside of his path. The South-Going Zax insists that he always goes south and refuses to step out of his path. To prove they will not change their ways, they stand toe to toe and face to face for 59 years. And while they selfishly stand their ground, life goes on around them. A highway is even built right over the top of these two self-centered Zax, who still refuse to budge.