**E2 – Moral/Message**

**It’s important to understand the moral/message of a text. What moral/message is Dr Seuss presenting in his story *The Sneetches?***

**YOUR TASK: Read through this paragraph and then fill in the blanks below.**

Dr Seuss sends the message to his audience that discrimination is wrong. The Sneetches is about two types of creatures, separated by having or not having stars on their bellies. The Star-Belly Sneetches think they are the best, and look down upon Sneetches without stars. The Plain-Belly Sneetches remain depressed and worried, banned from associating with their star-bellied counterparts, until Sylvester McMonkey McBean comes along with his *Star-on*and *Star-off*machines. He begins to give stars to the Plain-Belly Sneetches, and soon they are happy, for they look like their elite counterparts. The original Star-Belly Sneetches are angry at no longer being different and special, so they get Sylvester to remove all their stars. This continues back and forth until no one can remember which Sneetches were originally what, and a realization strikes them all at once: that it really doesn’t matter whether a Sneetch has a star belly or not - they are all really the same. Dr. Seuss provides the message that we can live peacefully, regardless of our external differences.

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**Now you try!**

**In your own words, write down what you think the moral/message that is presented in *The Sneetches* below.**

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