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A WIMP IS BORN

Greg Heffley was created in January 1998 in a small apartment in Massachusetts. There wasn't much to him, really. He was just a little pencil doodle in a cheap sketch pad.



One month later, Zachary Gordon was born on the other side of the country, in California. At that moment, Greg and Zach didn't really have a whole lot in common.



But eleven years later, the two would come together when Zach was chosen to play the part of Greg in the live-action "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" movie.

This book is the story of how a little idea got turned into a major motion picture, and how a fictional cartoon character became a real boy.

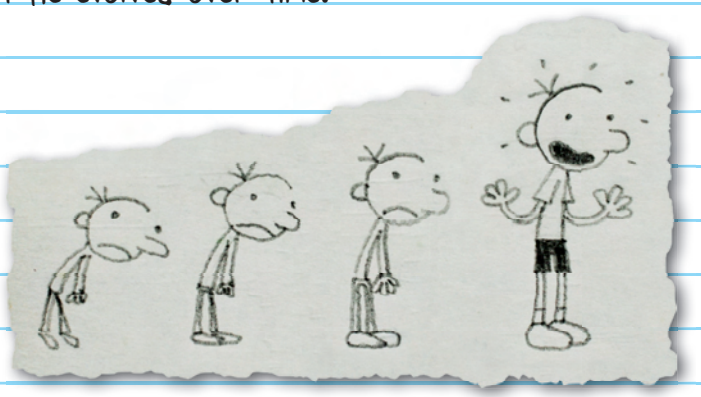
A ROUGH START

Greg Heffley didn't spring to life fully formed. Like any kid, Greg had to change and grow before he was ready to go out into the world on his own.

In fact, it took a really long time for Greg to develop into the character that he is today. Which is kind of strange, considering he's basically a stick figure.



As you can see, Greg started off a little rough, but he evolved over time.



While Greg was going through major changes in the looks department, his stories were coming together. All the ideas for the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" series were written down in the same sketch pad where Greg first appeared.

