Thomas the Tank Engine is a blue steam engine in a British children's book series. He first appeared in 1946. In the stories, Thomas has many adventures with his fellow locomotives on the Island of Sodor. This series is still read by children in more than 160 countries today.

Thomas also appears in an animated television show called *Thomas & Friends*<sup>TM</sup>. In the show's 22nd series in 2018, Thomas leaves Sodor for the first time. He travels around the world and meets new engine friends in India, China, Australia, and other countries. The show's creators worked to feature more female characters in the show by adding two female engines to the Steam Teams, a group of steam engines including Thomas who are the main characters.

In that year, the United Nations (UN) decided to work with a US toy maker which has Thomas' brand and makes its animation. They incorporate some of its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into the storylines of several episodes from that series.

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