LESSON PLAN

A Flourishing Industry

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	5

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a thought-provoking question: "What does success mean to you?" Encourage brief student responses to engage the class.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story aloud. After reading, ask students to summarize the plot and identify the key characters and their roles in the story.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups to discuss the key themes and moral of the story.

10 min

Application/Reflection

- Have students write a short paragraph reflecting on what they think a "flourishing industry" should look like in a morally responsible society.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Use a quick quiz or exit ticket asking students to list one moral from the story and one real-world example that illustrates this moral.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: A Flourishing Industry; The irony of success not always aligning with positive outcomes.
- **Plot Summary**: The story follows a Traveller from a Foreign Land who inquires about the state of industries in America. He encounters a man who proudly boasts about his flourishing business of making boxing gloves, revealing the ironic twist that success in industry can sometimes contribute to conflict rather than progress.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Traveller**: Represents an outsider's perspective, prompting reflection on the true nature of success.
  - **The Man**: Embodies the irony of pride in a flourishing industry that promotes violence, showcasing the conflict between economic success and moral implications.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:

- Students will understand the moral implications behind industries that thrive on conflict.
- Students will analyze the irony present in the story and relate it to real-world scenarios.
- Students will discuss how success in business can sometimes lead to negative societal impacts.
- Students will explore the concept of value-based moral stories and their relevance in today's context.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What does this story suggest about the relationship between industry and morality?
  2. Can you think of modern examples where a flourishing industry has contributed to social conflict?
  3. How do life-changing stories with moral implications influence our understanding of success?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "A Flourishing Industry"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper for notes and reflections

✓ Original text available on the story page.