LESSON PLAN

# A Forfeited Right

| GRADES | TIME | READING LEVEL |
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| 9+ | 50 min | 5 |

## Lesson flow




5 min

### Opening Hook

Begin with a light-hearted discussion of funny stories with moral. Ask students to share any funny or entertaining moral stories they know, setting a relaxed tone for the lesson.

15–20 min

### Story Exploration

Read "A Forfeited Right" aloud. Encourage students to listen for the key themes of dishonesty and credibility. After reading, have a few students summarize the plot to ensure understanding.

15 min

### Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups to discuss the key characters and their significance.

10 min

### Application/Reflection

- Ask students to reflect in their notebooks about a time they witnessed dishonesty. How did it affect their trust in that person?

5 min

### Assessment Strategy

Collect notebooks to assess students' reflections on the moral of the story and their understanding of the characters' motivations

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# STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: A Forfeited Right; The moral of the story is that a history of dishonesty can undermine one's credibility, making it difficult for others to trust their truthful assertions.
- **Plot Summary**: In this story, a Thrifty Person takes legal action against the Chief of the Weather Bureau after a failed prediction leads to unsold umbrellas. The case reveals the irony of relying on a forecaster known for dishonesty, illustrating the consequences of lost credibility.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **Thrifty Person**: Represents those who seek to profit but fail due to misplaced trust.
  - **Chief of the Weather Bureau**: Symbolizes authority figures whose past actions impact their current credibility.
  - **Judges and Attorneys**: Serve to highlight the legal proceedings and moral implications of the case.

# LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral implications of dishonesty.
  - Students will analyze character motivations and their impact on the story's outcome.
  - Students will explore the relationship between credibility and trust.
  - Students will engage in discussions about how this story relates to real-life situations.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What are the consequences of dishonesty in both personal and professional settings?
  2. How do the actions of the Chief of the Weather Bureau affect the Thrifty Person’s decisions?
  3. Can a person regain trust after a history of dishonesty? Why or why not?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "A Forfeited Right"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Notebooks for reflection
  - Access to storytelling resources or videos

✓ Original text available on the story page.