LESSON PLAN

A Hasty Settlement

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	5

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion on what constitutes a moral story and its purpose. Ask students to share their thoughts on why morals are important in storytelling.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story "A Hasty Settlement" aloud. After reading, discuss the key plot points and character motivations to ensure comprehension.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups to analyze the story's characters and their motivations.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Ask students to reflect on their own experiences with fairness and greed. Have them write a short paragraph on a situation where they witnessed or experienced the impact of greed.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude with a quick quiz or exit ticket where students write down one moral lesson they learned from the story and how it relates to their lives.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: A Hasty Settlement - The pursuit of personal gain can lead to the reopening of settled matters, highlighting the potential for greed to undermine justice and closure.
- **Plot Summary**: In a courtroom, an Attorney attempts to reopen a settled estate case after the Judge has pronounced a final judgment. The Attorney's motivation is revealed to be the potential financial gain left after all legal fees and expenses are paid. The story explores themes of greed and the consequences of undermining closure.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Attorney**: Represents the voice of greed and self-interest, seeking personal gain at the expense of justice.
  - **The Judge**: Symbolizes authority and the quest for justice, demonstrating the struggle between legal resolution and personal ambition.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will analyze the moral lessons embedded in the story.
  - Students will identify the characters' motivations and their impact on the narrative.
  - Students will discuss the implications of greed as depicted in folklore and moral stories.
  - Students will compare this story to other impactful moral stories to identify common themes.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What are the consequences of the Attorney's actions in the story?
  2. How does the theme of greed impact the characters' decisions?
  3. In what ways does this story reflect elements found in top 10 moral stories?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of "A Hasty Settlement"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pencils for each student

✓ Original text available on the story page.