LESSON PLAN

Alarm and Pride

GRADES	READING LEVEL
9+	5

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme:** Alarm and Pride; The moral illustrates that both Alarm and Pride are burdened by the misuse of their qualities in the service of political manipulation and dishonesty.
- **Plot Summary:** Alarm and Pride, personified qualities, lament how politicians exploit their attributes to manipulate public perception. Alarm expresses frustration over being used to amplify the faults of others, while Pride is weary from being associated with dishonorable actions. Their conversation highlights the dangers of misusing qualities for political gain.
- **Key Characters:**
  - **Alarm:** Represents caution and awareness, burdened by political misuse.
  - **Pride:** Represents self-esteem and dignity, exhausted from being linked to dishonesty.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives:**

- Students will understand the moral implications of manipulation in politics.
- Students will identify character traits of Alarm and Pride and their significance.
- Students will analyze the story's themes in relation to real-world scenarios.
- Students will develop critical thinking by discussing the misuse of qualities.

- **Discussion Questions:**
  1. How do Alarm and Pride reflect real-life qualities we encounter in ourselves and others?
  2. In what ways can qualities like pride and caution be misused?
  3. Why is it important to recognize the manipulation of qualities in political discourse?
- **Required Materials:**
  - Printed copies of the story "Alarm and Pride"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Chart paper and markers for group activities

LESSON FLOW

- **Opening Hook (5 min):** Begin with a brief discussion on what qualities students admire most in themselves and others. Ask them to share examples of when those qualities can lead to negative outcomes.
- **Story Exploration (15-20 min):** Read the story "Alarm and Pride" aloud. Encourage students to visualize the characters and the

emotional weight of their conversation. Use short moral stories with pictures to enhance understanding and engagement.

- **Analysis Exercises (15 min):** Divide students into small groups to analyze the character traits of Alarm and Pride. Have them create a Venn diagram comparing and contrasting the two characters and their significance in the story.
- **Application/Reflection (10 min):** Bring the class back together to discuss how the themes of the story apply to modern society. Ask students to reflect on instances where they have witnessed manipulation of qualities in politics or media.
- **Assessment Strategy (5 min):** Conclude the lesson with a quick quiz that assesses students' comprehension of the story's moral and their ability to connect it to real-world scenarios.

SUPPORTING ELEMENTS

- **Extension Activities:**
  1. Create a short tale with moral based on a current political event, illustrating the misuse of qualities.
  2. Draw or illustrate scenes from the story, focusing on the emotions of Alarm and Pride.

✓ Original text available on the story page.