LESSON PLAN

At Large – One Temper

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	5

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin the lesson by asking students if they've ever lost their temper and what happened as a result. This will engage them and set the tone for discussing the story.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read *At Large - One Temper* aloud to the class. Pause periodically to ask students their thoughts on the characters and events.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Break students into small groups and assign them to analyze different characters' reactions to anger and discuss the consequences that resulted from those actions.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have each group share their insights and reflect on how they can manage anger in their own lives. Encourage them to come up with personal strategies for handling their emotions.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude with a quick quiz or exit ticket where students write down the moral of the story and one personal reflection on how they might apply this lesson.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: At Large - One Temper; The moral of the story is that losing one's temper can lead to judgment and consequences, both for oneself and others.
- **Plot Summary**: In this entertaining moral story, a turbulent individual is brought before a judge after committing violent acts in a fit of rage. During the trial, the defendant's attorney attempts to lighten the mood by questioning the judge about his own temper, only to provoke the judge's wrath further, illustrating the far-reaching consequences of uncontrolled anger.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Defendant**: Represents the dangers of losing control and the consequences that follow.
  - **The Judge**: Embodies authority and the severity of judgment when emotions run high.
  - **The Attorney**: Highlights the folly of trying to deflect blame or lighten serious situations through humor.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the core message of the story and its relevance to real-life situations.
  - Students will analyze the consequences of losing one's temper as depicted in the story.
  - Students will identify the key characters and their roles in conveying the moral.
  - Students will engage in discussions about personal experiences related to anger and its effects.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What are some real-life situations where losing your temper has led to negative consequences?
  2. How do the characters in the story reflect different aspects of anger and its impact?
  3. Can humor be an effective way to address serious issues like anger? Why or why not?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story At Large - One Temper
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and writing utensils for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.