LESSON PLAN

From the Minutes

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	5

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion on what pride means to students. Ask them to share examples when pride led to a mistake or misunderstanding in their own lives.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "From the Minutes" aloud to the class. After reading, ask students to summarize the story in their own words and identify the key characters.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide the class into small groups. Each group will discuss the following:

10 min

Application/Reflection

Ask students to reflect on a time they witnessed pride leading to a downfall, either in their lives or in stories they know. Have them write a brief paragraph on their reflections.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude with a quick quiz or a set of questions to assess understanding of the story's themes and characters.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: From the Minutes - The folly of pride and the consequences of lacking self-awareness.
- **Plot summary**: An orator, blinded by his pride and ignorance, boasts about his unblemished reputation. When confronted with the truth of his actions, he experiences a mortifying realization that ultimately leads to his downfall. This story serves as a cautionary tale about the dangers of arrogance and self-deception.
- **Key characters**:
  - **The Orator**: Represents pride and lack of self-awareness; his downfall illustrates the consequences of ignoring one's true self.
  - **The Unblotted Escutcheon**: Symbolizes reputation and how it can be tarnished by one's actions, serving as a reminder of the importance of humility.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral lesson of the story and its relevance to their lives.
  - Students will identify the key themes of pride and self-awareness in the narrative.
  - Students will analyze the characters and their motivations.
  - Students will create their own small moral stories inspired by the themes of the lesson.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What does the story teach us about the relationship between pride and self-awareness?
  2. How can ignoring our flaws lead to negative consequences in our lives?
  3. In what ways can we apply the lessons from this story to our everyday interactions?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "From the Minutes"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pencils for story creation

✓ Original text available on the story page.