LESSON PLAN

Jupiter and the Baby Show

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Start with a brief discussion about judging others. Ask students if they have ever felt judged or judged someone else. Share a very short moral story that emphasizes not judging others.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "Jupiter and the Baby Show" aloud to the class. As you read, pause at key moments to ask students about their predictions and feelings regarding the characters' actions.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Break students into small groups to discuss the characters and their significance. Each group will create a character map that includes traits, motivations, and how they relate to the story's moral.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students write a short reflection on a personal experience where they learned not to judge someone based on appearances. Encourage them to express their feelings and insights.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude with a quick quiz on the story's moral and characters, or ask students to share one thing they learned from the lesson.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: Jupiter and the Baby Show; The moral of the story is that one should not be quick to judge others, as everyone has flaws, including oneself.
- **Plot Summary**: In this humorous tale, Jupiter holds a baby show for animals, where a monkey presents her unattractive cub. Initially, Jupiter dismisses the cub's appearance with laughter, but the monkey cleverly points out that Jupiter himself has produced many flawed creations. This leads Jupiter to reconsider his judgment and award the monkey first prize.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **Jupiter**: The king of the gods who represents authority and the tendency to judge based on appearances.
  - **The Monkey**: A clever character who challenges Jupiter's judgments and highlights the hypocrisy in his actions.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will identify the moral of the story.
  - Students will analyze the characters and their motivations.
  - Students will discuss the implications of judging others based on appearances.
  - Students will reflect on personal experiences related to the theme of the story.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. Why do you think Jupiter initially laughs at the monkey's cub?
  2. How does the monkey's response change Jupiter’s perspective?
  3. Can you think of a time when you judged someone too quickly? What did you learn from that experience?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "Jupiter and the Baby Show"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pencils for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.