LESSON PLAN

Revenge

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	4

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

- Begin with a brief discussion about revenge. Ask students if they believe revenge can ever be justified and why. This will pique their interest in the story.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

- Read the story aloud or have students read it in small groups. Encourage them to pay attention to the motivations of the characters.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups and have them analyze the character of the insurance agent. Ask them to identify how his desire for revenge affected his decision-making and the consequences that followed.

10 min

Application/Reflection

- Have students write a short reflection on a time they faced a decision involving revenge. What did they decide, and what was the outcome?

5 min

Assessment Strategy

- Conclude with a quick quiz or a few questions to assess understanding of the moral of the story and the characters' motivations.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: Revenge; Seeking revenge can lead to morally questionable actions and ultimately harm oneself and others.
- **Plot Summary**: An insurance agent, motivated by a desire for revenge against a company that wronged him, tries to convince a skeptical customer to purchase a policy. The interaction unveils the agent's dark past and his twisted reasoning for wanting the company to fail, highlighting the destructive nature of revenge.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **Insurance Agent**: Represents the consequences of allowing personal vendettas to cloud judgment and morality.
  - **Hard Man to Deal With**: Symbolizes skepticism and the questioning of motives, serving as a foil to the agent's vengeful desires.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:

- Students will analyze the motivations behind the characters' actions.
- Students will explore the concept of revenge and its implications.
- Students will discuss the moral lessons conveyed through the story.
- Students will relate the story to real-life situations involving revenge and forgiveness.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  - What are the potential consequences of seeking revenge as illustrated in the story?
  - How might the story change if the insurance agent chose forgiveness instead of revenge?
  - Can you think of a situation in your life where revenge seemed like an option? How did you handle it?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "Revenge"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pens for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.