LESSON PLAN

# The Apes and the Two Travelers

| GRADES | TIME | READING LEVEL |
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| 2–5 | 50 min | 5 |

## Lesson flow




5 min

### Opening Hook

Start with a brief discussion about the importance of honesty. Ask students to share experiences where they felt rewarded or punished for being honest or dishonest.

15–20 min

### Story Exploration

Read "The Apes and the Two Travelers" aloud to the class. Pause at key moments to gauge students' reactions and discuss initial thoughts on the characters' actions.

15 min

### Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups. Assign each group to analyze one character from the story. They should consider motivations, consequences, and the moral implications of their actions.

10 min

### Application/Reflection

Conduct a guided class discussion on how the moral of the story applies to modern society. Encourage students to think critically about situations where they have seen flattery rewarded or truth punished.

5 min

### Assessment Strategy

Ask students to write a brief reflection on what they learned from the story and how it relates to their own lives. Collect these

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# STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Apes and the Two Travelers; The moral illustrates that flattery, even when dishonest, may be rewarded, while speaking the truth can lead to dire consequences in the presence of those who cannot accept it.
- **Plot Summary**: Two travelers, one a liar and the other a truth-teller, find themselves in the land of Apes. When questioned by the Ape King about their opinions, the liar flatters him and is rewarded, while the truth-teller is punished for his honesty. This timeless moral story highlights the dangers of truth in a society that values deceit.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Lying Traveler**: Represents the consequences of deceit and the rewards of flattery.
  - **The Truthful Traveler**: Embodies integrity and the inherent risks of honesty.
  - **The Ape King**: Symbolizes those in power who cannot handle the truth.

# LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral of the story and its implications.
  - Students will analyze the characters and their motivations.
  - Students will discuss the relevance of the story to contemporary situations involving honesty and flattery.
  - Students will explore the emotions evoked by the story and how they relate to real-life experiences.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  - How does the story reflect the idea that honesty is not always rewarded?
  - In what situations do you think flattery might be more advantageous than telling the truth?
  - How could the outcome change if the characters had acted differently?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Printed copies of "The Apes and the Two Travelers"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pens for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.