LESSON PLAN

The Archer and the Eagle

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	5

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Share a brief personal story about a time when you felt betrayed by someone close to you and ask students if they have ever felt similar emotions. This sets the stage for the discussion on betrayal.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story aloud to the class. After reading, ask students to share their initial thoughts and feelings about the Eagle's situation and the Archer's role.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups and assign them to discuss the significance of the Eagle's realization.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students write a short paragraph on how the moral of the story can apply to their own lives. Encourage them to think about a time they faced betrayal and how it shaped their understanding of trust.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Collect students' reflections to assess their understanding of the story's moral and their ability to connect it to personal experiences.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Archer and the Eagle; The moral of the story is that it can be less painful to face betrayal or harm from one's own kind than from an outsider.
- **Plot Summary**: An Eagle, mortally wounded by an Archer, finds solace in the knowledge that the arrow was feathered with one of its own quills. The Eagle reflects on the pain of betrayal, revealing that it would have been far worse if the harm had come from another Eagle.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Eagle**: Represents strength and vulnerability; symbolizes the pain of betrayal from one's own kind.
  - **The Archer**: Represents the external threat; serves as the catalyst for the Eagle's introspection.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:

- Students will identify the moral lesson of the story.
- Students will analyze how betrayal affects relationships.
- Students will discuss the significance of the characters and their actions.
- Students will relate the story's themes to personal experiences.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What emotions does the Eagle experience upon discovering the source of its injury?
  2. How can betrayal from someone close to us impact our perspective on trust?
  3. In what ways can we learn from the Eagle's experience to navigate our own relationships?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Archer and the Eagle"
  - Chart paper and markers
  - Discussion prompts printed for students