LESSON PLAN

The Ass and the Lion's Skin

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	4

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Start with a brief discussion about appearances versus reality. Ask students if they can recall a time when they were misled by appearances.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story aloud to the class. Pause at key moments to ask for predictions and thoughts about the characters' actions and motivations.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide the class into small groups. Assign each group a character to analyze. They should discuss the character’s motivations, actions, and the moral of their behavior. Each group will then present their findings.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Ask students to write a short paragraph reflecting on the moral of the story. How can this moral apply to their own lives?

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conduct a quick quiz or a few verbal questions to assess understanding of the story and its moral.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Ass and the Lion's Skin; Moral: "Appearances can be deceiving."
- **Plot Summary**: In this story, an ass finds a lion's skin and, thinking it will give him power and respect, wears it to scare the other animals. Initially, he succeeds, but his true identity is revealed when he brays, showing that one’s true nature cannot be hidden by mere appearances.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Ass**: Represents those who seek power through deception and ultimately fail.
  - **The Lion**: Symbolizes true strength and authority, contrasting the ass's false bravado.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will identify the key elements of the story.

- Students will analyze the characters and their motivations.
- Students will discuss the moral implications of the story.
- Students will create their own moral-based stories inspired by the lesson.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What do you think motivated the ass to wear the lion's skin?
  2. How does the story illustrate the idea that true character cannot be disguised?
  3. Can you think of a situation in real life where appearances were misleading?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of "The Ass and the Lion's Skin"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pens for students
  - Projector (if available for visual aids)

✓ Original text available on the story page.