LESSON PLAN

The Astronomer

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
3–6	50 min	5

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a short discussion asking students if they have ever been so focused on something that they missed something happening around them. Share a brief personal anecdote to engage the class.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story "The Astronomer" aloud to the class. After reading, invite students to summarize the plot and identify the characters. Discuss their initial reactions to the story.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups and provide them with discussion questions about the story. Allow them to analyze the moral and how it relates to real-life situations. Each group will present their insights to the class.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Ask students to reflect on their own experiences where they may have neglected their surroundings in pursuit of a goal. Have them write a short paragraph about it and share with a partner.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conduct a quick informal assessment by asking students to express the moral of the story in one sentence. This can be done through a thumbs-up/thumbs-down method to gauge understanding.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title**: The Astronomer
- **Moral/Theme**: One should not become so absorbed in lofty pursuits that they neglect their immediate surroundings and practical realities.
- **Plot Summary**: An astronomer is so captivated by the beauty of the stars that he fails to pay attention to his surroundings. While wandering in the suburbs, he falls into a deep well, prompting a neighbor to question his priorities. This story serves as a reminder of the importance of balancing dreams with reality.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Astronomer**: Represents individuals who are so focused on their aspirations that they overlook practical matters.
  - **The Neighbor**: Symbolizes common sense and the importance of grounding oneself in reality.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will identify the main characters and their roles in the story.
  - Students will analyze the moral lesson of the story and its relevance to daily life.
  - Students will discuss the implications of pursuing dreams while being mindful of their surroundings.
  - Students will connect the themes of the story to their own experiences and share meaningful stories with moral lessons.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What do you think was the astronomer's greatest mistake?
  2. How can this story apply to your everyday life?
  3. Can you think of a time when you were so focused on one goal that you missed something important around you?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Astronomer"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pens for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.