LESSON PLAN

The Bellamy and the Members

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	5

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a humorous anecdote about a leader who forgot to thank their team. Ask students how they would feel in that situation.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "The Bellamy and the Members" aloud. Pause at key moments to ask students for their reactions and predictions about the Members' actions.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups. Assign each group a character to analyze. They will discuss the character's motivations, actions, and the consequences of those actions. Groups will present their findings to the class.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Ask students to reflect on a time they felt taken for granted. They will write a short paragraph describing the situation and how they responded.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conduct a quick quiz with questions related to the plot, characters, and moral of the story.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Bellamy and the Members; Moral: Those in power should not take the support of others for granted, as it can be withdrawn when they fail to reciprocate.
- **Plot Summary**: In this captivating moral story, the Members of a Socialist body revolt against their leader, Bellamy. Frustrated by his lack of contribution, they decide to stop supporting him, which forces him to fend for himself and ultimately leads him to sell his own book.
- **Key Characters and their significance**:
  - **Bellamy**: Represents those in positions of power who become complacent and fail to appreciate the support they receive.
  - **The Members**: Symbolize the collective strength of individuals who can withdraw their support when they feel undervalued.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:

- Students will understand the importance of mutual support in relationships.
- Students will analyze character motivations and their implications.
- Students will recognize the value of simple lessons from stories in everyday life.
- Students will explore the consequences of complacency in leadership roles.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What actions did the Members take to express their dissatisfaction with Bellamy?
  2. How does this story reflect culturally significant moral lessons about power dynamics?
  3. In what ways can humorous stories with moral implications help us understand serious topics?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of "The Bellamy and the Members"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Chart paper and sticky notes

✓ Original text available on the story page.