LESSON PLAN

The Dog and Her Puppies

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–5	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion on the importance of kindness and ask students if they have ever experienced or witnessed ingratitude. Share a personal anecdote to engage students.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story "The Dog and Her Puppies" aloud to the class. After reading, ask students to summarize the story in their own words. Highlight key characters and their significance.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Break students into small groups to analyze the mother dog's motivations and the shepherd's actions.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students write a short paragraph reflecting on a time they experienced or witnessed ingratitude. Encourage them to connect their personal experiences to the moral of the story.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conduct a quick exit ticket where each student writes one lesson they learned from the story and how it can be applied in real life.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Dog and Her Puppies; Moral: Those who are given kindness and protection may sometimes turn against their benefactor and become ungrateful.
- **Plot Summary**: A mother dog seeks refuge from a shepherd to give birth to her puppies. After receiving kindness and protection, the mother dog becomes ungrateful, asserting her dominance over the land and refusing the shepherd access, showcasing the potential for ingratitude even in those who have been helped.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The mother dog**: Represents ingratitude and the tendency to forget kindness.
  - **The Shepherd**: Symbolizes kindness and the consequences of misplaced trust.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral implications of ingratitude.
  - Students will identify key themes in the story.
  - Students will analyze character motivations and actions.
  - Students will discuss the relevance of the story to real-life situations.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What actions did the shepherd take that demonstrated kindness?
  2. How did the mother dog's behavior change after receiving help?
  3. Can you think of real-life examples where someone has been ungrateful after receiving help?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Dog and Her Puppies"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pencils for note-taking and reflection