LESSON PLAN

The Catted Anarchist

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	5

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

- Begin with a brief discussion on what justice means to students. Ask if they have ever experienced a situation where rules seemed unfair or contradictory.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

- Read 'The Catted Anarchist' aloud.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Break students into small groups and assign them to identify examples of irony in the story.

10 min

Application/Reflection

- Have students write a short reflection on a time they faced a moral dilemma. Encourage them to relate it to the themes of hypocrisy and justice from the story.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

- Collect reflections and provide feedback based on clarity, connection to the story, and depth of insight.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Catted Anarchist; Moral: The irony of seeking justice within a system one fundamentally opposes, highlighting the complexities of human hypocrisy and the absurdity of rigid ideologies.
- **Plot Summary**: An Anarchist Orator is struck in the face with a dead cat by an unknown individual. In an ironic twist, he decides to take the cat to court, challenging the very system he opposes. The Magistrate questions his actions, leading to a humorous yet thought-provoking conclusion about justice and ideology.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **Anarchist Orator**: Represents the conflict between ideology and action; his decision to engage with the legal system highlights human hypocrisy.
  - **Magistrate**: Embodies the law's rigidity; his responses reveal the absurdity of the situation.
  - **Dead Cat**: A symbol of the absurdity and irony within the story, representing the consequences of rigid ideologies.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will analyze the moral implications of the story.
  - Students will discuss the complexities of human hypocrisy as depicted in the narrative.
  - Students will connect the story to real-life situations involving justice and ideology.
  - Students will explore the use of irony in literature and its impact on storytelling.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. How does the Anarchist's actions contradict his beliefs?
  2. In what ways does this story reflect real-life stories with moral dilemmas?
  3. What can we learn about the nature of justice from the Magistrate's response?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of 'The Catted Anarchist'
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper for notes and reflections