LESSON PLAN

The Crimson Candle

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	4

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion about the importance of promises in relationships. Ask students if they can share examples of promises they've made or received.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "The Crimson Candle" aloud. Pause at key moments to discuss students' initial reactions and feelings about the characters and their choices.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups. Each group will identify and discuss the main themes of the story, focusing on loyalty and sacrifice. They will also analyze the significance of the crimson candle as a symbol.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students write a short reflection on a time they had to commit to something important. Encourage them to think about how loyalty played a role in their experience.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conduct a quick class discussion where students share their reflections and insights. Assess understanding through their ability to connect personal experiences to the story's moral.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Crimson Candle; Themes of loyalty and sacrifice
- **Plot Summary**: In this poignant tale, a dying man requests his wife's unwavering loyalty by asking her to swear an oath with a mystical crimson candle. After his death, she honors her promise, standing by his side until the candle burns out, showcasing her enduring commitment and love.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Man**: Represents the need for trust and loyalty in relationships. His request emphasizes the significance of promises made in love.
  - **The Woman**: Embodies fidelity and sacrifice. Her actions reflect the depth of her love and the lengths one can go to honor commitments.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the themes of loyalty and sacrifice presented in the story.
  - Students will analyze character motivations and their significance in moral storytelling.
  - Students will explore the impact of promises and oaths in relationships.
  - Students will relate the story's moral to real-life situations and personal experiences.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What does the crimson candle symbolize in the story?
  2. How does the woman's action reflect her character and values?
  3. In what ways can the moral of this story apply to modern relationships?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of "The Crimson Candle"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Notebooks or paper for reflections

✓ Original text available on the story page.