LESSON PLAN

The Crow and the Sheep

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–8	50 min	5

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion on what makes a story a moral tale. Ask students to share their favorite moral stories for class 7 and their lessons learned.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "The Crow and the Sheep" aloud to the class. Pause at key moments to ask students for their initial reactions and thoughts on the characters and plot.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups. Assign each group to analyze either the crow or the sheep, focusing on their motivations, strengths, and weaknesses. Each group will present their findings to the class.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Facilitate a class discussion on how the moral of the story applies to personal growth. Encourage students to reflect on situations where they might have witnessed exploitation or bullying.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude by asking students to write a brief paragraph summarizing the moral of the story and how it relates to their own experiences.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Crow and the Sheep - **Moral**: Exploiting the weak while avoiding confrontation with the strong shows a lack of true courage and integrity.
- **Plot Summary**: A troublesome crow takes advantage of a sheep by riding on its back and forcing it to carry her around. The sheep comments on the crow's cowardice, pointing out that if she behaved similarly towards a dog, she would face consequences. The crow proudly admits to her strategy of bullying the weak and flattering the strong to ensure her own safety.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Crow**: Symbolizes those who exploit the vulnerable for their own gain.
  - **The Sheep**: Represents the innocent and weaker individuals who suffer from the actions of the strong.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral implications of the story.
  - Students will analyze character motivations and actions in the narrative.
  - Students will explore the themes of courage and integrity in the context of personal growth.
  - Students will relate the story to broader folklore and moral stories.
  - Students will discuss the consequences of exploiting the weak in real-life scenarios.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What does the crow's behavior reveal about her character?
  2. How does the sheep's response challenge the crow's actions and values?
  3. In what ways can we relate the themes of this story to our own lives?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of "The Crow and the Sheep" story
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pens for notes

✓ Original text available on the story page.