LESSON PLAN

# The Desperate Object

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## STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title:** The Desperate Object
- **Moral/Theme:** True fulfillment and happiness come from a sense of duty and integrity, rather than from dishonest gains or superficial pleasures.
- **Plot Summary:** In this thought-provoking moral story, a character known as Dishonest Gain encounters a desperate object repeatedly trying to harm itself against a wall. The dialogue reveals that the object represents the Consciousness of Duty Well Performed, highlighting the contrast between superficial wealth and the fulfillment derived from integrity and duty.
- **Key Characters:**
  - **Dishonest Gain:** Represents materialism and superficial pleasure, showcasing the emptiness of unearned rewards.
  - **The Consciousness of Duty Well Performed:** Embodies integrity and fulfillment, emphasizing the value of hard work and ethical behavior.

# LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives:**
  - Students will understand the moral lesson of the story.
  - Students will identify key themes related to integrity and fulfillment.
  - Students will analyze character motivations and their significance.
  - Students will discuss how the story relates to their own lives.
  - Students will create a personal reflection on the importance of duty and ethics.
- **Discussion Questions:**
  - What does the Dishonest Gain represent in our society today?
  - How does the Consciousness of Duty Well Performed challenge our views on success?
  - Can you think of a time when you felt fulfilled by doing the right thing? What happened?
- **Required Materials:**
  - Copies of "The Desperate Object" story
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pens for student reflections

# LESSON FLOW

- **Opening Hook (5 min):**
  - Begin with a brief discussion about what success means to students. Ask if they believe success can be achieved without integrity.

- **Story Exploration (15-20 min):**
  - Read "The Desperate Object" aloud. Encourage students to visualize the characters and their actions. Discuss initial reactions to the story.
- **Analysis Exercises (15 min):**
  - Divide students into small groups to analyze the characters further. Each group can create a character map showing motivations and themes. Bring the groups back together to share insights.
- **Application/Reflection (10 min):**
  - Ask students to write a short paragraph on how they can apply the story's moral in their own lives. Encourage them to think of specific situations where integrity is key.
- **Assessment Strategy (5 min):**
  - Collect the written reflections to assess understanding of the moral and themes discussed. Use a simple rubric focusing on clarity, relevance, and personal connection.

# SUPPORTING ELEMENTS

- **Extension Activities:**
  - Create a visual representation (drawing or poster) of the moral lesson from the story.
  - Write a short bedtime story inspired by "The Desperate Object" that

✓ Original text available on the story page.