LESSON PLAN

The Divided Delegation

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	5

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

- Begin with a humorous anecdote about a time when a group had trouble making a decision. Ask students how they felt in that situation.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

- Read "The Divided Delegation" aloud. Pause periodically to ask students for their thoughts on the characters' actions and decisions.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups. Have them discuss the following:

10 min

Application/Reflection

- Bring the class back together and have each group share their insights. Discuss how the themes of the story relate to their own experiences

with teamwork and decision-making.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

- Conclude with a quick write: Ask students to jot down one personal experience that relates to the story's moral and how it affected their views on compromise.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Divided Delegation; Moral: True harmony requires sacrifice and compromise, but it does not guarantee happiness for those involved.
- **Plot Summary**: A delegation unable to agree on a candidate for the President's Cabinet finds themselves imprisoned until they reach a consensus. After much deliberation, they finally reconcile their differences, but the President's acknowledgment of their unity does not bring them the happiness they expected.
- **Key Characters and their significance**:
  - **The New President**: Represents authority and the need for unity in leadership.
  - **The Delegation**: Symbolizes the struggle between individual desires and collective good, illustrating the challenges of compromise.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will identify the theme of compromise in the story.

    - Students will analyze the implications of sacrificing personal desires for the greater good.
    - Students will discuss how humor plays a role in delivering moral lessons.
    - Students will reflect on the outcomes of the characters' decisions and relate them to real-life situations.
- **Discussion Questions**:
    - What does the story suggest about the nature of happiness in relation to compromise?
    - How does the humorous aspect of the story affect your perception of the characters' situation?
    - Can you think of a time when you had to compromise? What was the outcome?
- **Required Materials**:
    - Copies of "The Divided Delegation"
    - Whiteboard and markers
    - Paper for note-taking

✓ Original text available on the story page.