LESSON PLAN

The Dog and the Reflection

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion about experiences with greed. Ask students to share a time when they wanted something they didn't have and how it made them feel.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "The Dog and the Reflection" aloud. Pause to ask questions about the plot and characters. Allow students to express their thoughts on the dog's actions.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Split students into small groups. Each group will list the dog's actions and discuss the consequences of those actions.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students write a short reflection in their journals about a time they experienced or witnessed greed. Encourage them to connect it to the dog's experience.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conduct a quick quiz with 3-5 questions about the story and its moral to assess understanding.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Dog and the Reflection; Moral: Greed can lead to loss.
- **Plot Summary**: A dog crossing a stream sees his own reflection and mistakes it for another dog holding a piece of meat. In a fit of greed, he lunges for what he thinks is a bigger piece of meat, only to lose the food he already had.
- **Key Characters and their Significance**:
  - **The Dog**: Represents the folly of greed and the consequences of not appreciating what one has.
  - **The Reflection**: Symbolizes the illusion of desire and how it can distract us from reality.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will identify the moral of the story.

- Students will analyze the behavior of the dog and its consequences.
- Students will discuss the relevance of the story's moral to their own lives.
- Students will compare this story with other entertaining moral stories they know.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What did the dog lose by being greedy?
  2. How does this story relate to lessons learned from stories you've read before?
  3. Can you think of a time when greed affected your decisions?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of "The Dog and the Reflection"
  - Chart paper and markers
  - Reflection journals