LESSON PLAN

The Dog the Cock and the Fox

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–5	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion on the importance of morals in stories. Ask students if they can recall any famous moral stories from their reading and what lessons they learned.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "The Dog, the Cock, and the Fox" aloud to the class. Encourage students to visualize the settings and characters as the story unfolds. Discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups. Each group will analyze one of the key characters and discuss their role in the story. Groups will present their findings to the class.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students reflect on the moral of the story by writing a short paragraph about a time when they used cleverness or vigilance in their own lives.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Collect the reflection paragraphs and assess them based on clarity, relevance to the moral, and personal insight.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Dog, the Cock, and the Fox; Cunning can be outsmarted by cleverness and vigilance.
- **Plot Summary**: In this captivating moral story, a Dog and a Cock embark on a journey together and seek refuge in a thick wood for the night. When the Cock's crowing attracts the attention of a cunning Fox, he attempts to trick the Cock into coming down. However, the Cock's quick wit and the Dog's vigilance lead to the Fox's demise.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Dog**: Represents loyalty and protection, showing that vigilance can thwart cunning plans.
  - **The Cock**: Embodies cleverness and quick thinking, demonstrating the importance of being aware of one's surroundings.
  - **The Fox**: Symbolizes deceit and cunning, illustrating the dangers of underestimating others.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will identify the key elements of the story.
  - Students will analyze the moral of the story and its relevance.
  - Students will discuss the characteristics of each main character.
  - Students will connect the story to other famous moral stories and fables.
  - Students will create their own short story with a moral.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What traits do the Dog and the Cock exhibit that help them outsmart the Fox?
  2. Can you think of a situation where being clever helped you or someone you know?
  3. How does this story compare to other famous fables with moral lessons?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of "The Dog, the Cock, and the Fox"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and writing utensils

✓ Original text available on the story page.