LESSON PLAN

The Fox and the Mosquitoes

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–4	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

- Begin with a brief discussion on discomfort and challenges. Ask students if they have ever faced a situation where they had to choose between two unpleasant options.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

- Read the story aloud as a class.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Break students into small groups and assign each group a character (the fox, the mosquitoes, the hedgehog).

10 min

Application/Reflection

- Ask students to write a short reflection in their journals about a time they had to choose between two difficult options, relating it back to the moral of the story.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

- Conduct a quick exit ticket where students write down the moral of the

---

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title**: The Fox and the Mosquitoes
- **Moral/Theme**: Sometimes it's better to endure a lesser harm than to risk a greater one.
- **Plot Summary**: In this short story, a fox finds itself in a difficult situation when its tail gets caught in a bush after crossing a river. As it struggles, it is swarmed by mosquitoes that feast on its blood. A hedgehog offers to help the fox by driving away the mosquitoes, but the fox declines, explaining that it is better to endure the mosquitoes than to risk attracting fresh, hungrier ones.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Fox**: Represents wisdom and the recognition of choosing lesser evils.
  - **The Mosquitoes**: Symbolize temporary discomfort that can be preferable to a worse situation.
  - **The Hedgehog**: Acts as a well-meaning friend who offers help but may not understand the full context of the fox's plight.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral of the story and its relevance to personal growth.
  - Students will analyze the characters' decisions and their implications.
  - Students will discuss the concept of choosing lesser harms in real-life situations.
  - Students will reflect on the story's message and relate it to their own experiences.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. Why do you think the fox chose to endure the mosquitoes rather than seek help?
  2. Can you think of a time when you faced a similar situation in your life?
  3. How does this story inspire you to make difficult decisions in your own life?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of "The Fox and the Mosquitoes"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Journals for reflection

✓ Original text available on the story page.