LESSON PLAN

The Frog and the Ox

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–5	50 min	2

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion about pride. Ask students if they have heard the phrase "pride comes before a fall" and what it means. Introduce the story as one that illustrates this concept through a humorous narrative.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "The Frog and the Ox" aloud to the class. During the reading, pause to ask questions about the characters' feelings and decisions. Encourage students to visualize the scenes and relate them to their own lives.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups. Each group will discuss the following:

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have each student write a short paragraph reflecting on a time when they or someone they know faced the consequences of pride. Share a few examples with the class if time permits.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude the lesson by asking students to summarize the moral of the story in their own words. Collect

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STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title**: The Frog and the Ox
- **Moral/Theme**: The moral of the story is that excessive pride and self-conceit can lead to one's downfall.
- **Plot Summary**: In this timeless moral story, a young Frog tells his father about a giant creature he has seen, which turns out to be a farmer's Ox. The old Frog, filled with pride, attempts to inflate himself to match the size of the Ox, ultimately leading to his own demise. This thought-provoking tale illustrates the dangers of arrogance and the importance of self-awareness.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Young Frog**: Represents innocence and curiosity, prompting the story's events.
  - **The Old Frog**: Embodies pride and self-conceit, leading to the moral lesson of the story.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will identify and articulate the moral of the story.
  - Students will analyze the characters' motivations and actions.
  - Students will connect the story's themes to their personal experiences.
  - Students will engage in discussions that enhance their critical thinking skills.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What do you think led the old Frog to try and inflate himself to the size of the Ox?
  2. Can you think of a time when pride might have led to a negative outcome in someone’s life?
  3. How does this story relate to other childhood stories with moral lessons that you have encountered?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of "The Frog and the Ox"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper for note-taking and reflection

✓ Original text available on the story page.