LESSON PLAN

The Goose and the Swan

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	2

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

- Begin with a brief discussion on the importance of self-care. Ask students if they have ever tried to please someone else at their own expense.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

- Read the story aloud to the class. Pause at key moments to engage students and ask predictive questions about what might happen next.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups to identify the key themes and moral of the story. Each group will present their findings to the class.

10 min

Application/Reflection

- Have students write a short reflection on a time they felt pressured to please someone else and the outcome of that situation.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

- Quick quiz on the story's characters, plot, and moral. This can be a mix of true/false and multiple-choice questions.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Goose and the Swan; The moral of the story is that trying to please others at the expense of one's own well-being can lead to self-destruction.
- **Plot Summary**: A wealthy man owns both a Goose and a Swan; the Goose is raised for food while the Swan is valued for her singing. When the Cook mistakenly attempts to kill the Swan, she sings to save herself but ultimately dies, highlighting the dangers of sacrificing one's self for the approval of others.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Goose**: Represents the idea of being content with one's purpose and role.
  - **The Swan**: Embodies the tragedy of trying to please others and the consequences of neglecting one's own needs.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will identify the main characters and their roles in the story.

- Students will analyze the moral of the story and its relevance to their lives.
- Students will discuss the implications of self-sacrifice for approval.
- Students will create their own concise moral stories based on similar themes.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What motivated the Swan to sing when she was in danger?
  2. How could the Swan have approached the situation differently?
  3. What does this story teach us about the balance between helping others and taking care of ourselves?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Goose and the Swan"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and writing utensils for students