LESSON PLAN

The Labourer and the Nightingale

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–8	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin by asking students if they have ever wanted something so badly that they overlooked its real value. Share a brief anecdote related to material desires.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "The Labourer and the Nightingale" aloud to the class, showing pictures related to the story. Encourage students to visualize the scenes as they listen.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups to discuss the key characters and their motivations. Ask each group to identify the main moral lessons and how they relate to modern life.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students write a short reflection in their journals about a time when they learned to value freedom or to cherish what they have. Invite a few students to share their reflections.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude with a quick quiz or a group discussion to assess students' understanding of the story's moral lessons.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Labourer and the Nightingale; The moral is to value freedom and the wisdom of experience over material desires, while also recognizing the importance of cherishing what you have and letting go of the past.
- **Plot Summary**: A Labourer captures a Nightingale, excited to own its beautiful song. However, the Nightingale reveals that it will not sing in captivity and offers valuable life lessons instead. After releasing the bird, the Labourer learns the significance of freedom and the wisdom of cherishing what one has.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Labourer**: Represents human greed and the desire for possession, illustrating the consequences of valuing material desires over freedom.
  - **The Nightingale**: Symbolizes freedom and wisdom, serving as the voice of experience that teaches important life lessons.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral lessons presented in the story.
  - Students will analyze the characters and their motivations.
  - Students will discuss the significance of freedom through the lens of the story.
  - Students will reflect on personal experiences related to the story's themes.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What do you think the Nightingale's advice means in today's context?
  2. How does the Labourer's desire for the Nightingale change throughout the story?
  3. Can you relate to the themes of cherishing what you have? Share an example.
- **Required Materials**:
  - Printed copies of the story
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Visual aids or pictures related to the story
  - Reflection journals

✓ Original text available on the story page.