LESSON PLAN

The Legislator and the Citizen

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	4

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

- Begin with a brief discussion on what integrity means and why it is essential in both personal and public life. Ask students to share examples of integrity they have witnessed or experienced.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

- Read the story aloud as a class, encouraging students to visualize the characters and setting. Pause to discuss key points or unclear terms, ensuring comprehension.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups and assign each group a specific character (Ex-Legislator or Most Respectable Citizen). Have them discuss the motivations and consequences of their character's actions, then present their findings.

10 min

Application/Reflection

- Facilitate a class discussion on how the story's moral can be applied to modern-day scenarios, such as political leadership or personal relationships. Encourage students to share their thoughts on maintaining integrity.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

- Conclude with a quick quiz or reflection paper where students summarize the moral of the story and provide an example of how they might encounter similar dilemmas in their own lives.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Legislator and the Citizen - Integrity and the consequences of corruption.
- **Plot Summary**: In this engaging moral tale, an ex-Legislator approaches a Most Respectable Citizen to request a letter of recommendation for a government position. However, the Most Respectable Citizen confronts him about his past corruption. The story unfolds as the tension reveals the importance of integrity and trust in relationships.
- **Key Characters and their significance**:
  - **Ex-Legislator**: Represents the consequences of corruption and the loss of moral standing.
  - **Most Respectable Citizen**: Embodies integrity and the responsibility to uphold moral values.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will analyze the moral implications of the story.
  - Students will identify key themes related to integrity and trust.
  - Students will discuss how the characters' actions reflect real-life situations.
  - Students will evaluate the importance of integrity in leadership roles.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What does the story suggest about the relationship between past actions and current trustworthiness?
  2. How does the Most Respectable Citizen's reaction reflect societal views on corruption?
  3. In what ways can we apply the moral of this story to contemporary issues in leadership?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Legislator and the Citizen"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pens for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.