LESSON PLAN

The Man and his Goose

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Start the lesson with a question: "What would you do if you discovered a treasure that could give you wealth every day?" Allow students to share their thoughts briefly, leading into the story's theme of greed.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "The Man and His Goose" aloud to the class. After reading, ask students to summarize the story and identify its main components.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups and assign each group a character (the man or the goose).

10 min

Application/Reflection

- Have students write a short paragraph reflecting on a time when they felt greedy or wished for more than they had.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude with a quick quiz or exit ticket where students write down the moral of the story and one example of how the moral applies to real life.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: "The Man and His Goose" - The moral of the story is that greed can lead to one's downfall, as the desire for more can result in losing what one already possesses.
- **Plot Summary**: A man discovers that his goose lays golden eggs and becomes greedy, believing that the goose must contain a treasure inside. In his greed, he kills the goose, only to find that it was just an ordinary goose, losing both the goose and the golden eggs in the process.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Man**: Represents greed and the consequences of wanting more than what is necessary.
  - **The Goose**: Symbolizes the initial fortune and prosperity that can be lost through greed.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral of the story and relate it to their own lives.

    - Students will identify key characters and their significance in conveying the story's message.
    - Students will analyze the consequences of greed as depicted in the fable.
    - Students will discuss alternative choices the man could have made to avoid his downfall.
- **Discussion Questions**:
    - What motivated the man to kill the goose despite its ability to lay golden eggs?
    - How does the story illustrate the concept of greed?
    - Can you think of a time when wanting more led to negative consequences in your life or someone else's?
- **Required Materials**:
    - Copies of "The Man and His Goose"
    - Whiteboard and markers
    - Paper and pens for notes and reflections

✓ Original text available on the story page.