LESSON PLAN

The Man and His Wife

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
6–8	50 min	5

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion on how first impressions can influence relationships. Ask students if they believe people can change their perceptions of others over time.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story aloud. Pause to clarify any difficult vocabulary and encourage students to visualize the scenes and characters.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Split students into small groups to discuss the key characters. Each group will list traits of the man and the wife and how these traits influenced their interactions with others.

10 min

Application/Reflection

In a reflective writing exercise, students will write about a personal experience where they felt judged based on their behavior. They should connect their experience to the story's moral.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude with a quick class poll on whether they believe the story's moral holds true in their lives. Collect reflective writings for assessment.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Man and His Wife; Moral: The way we are perceived by those who interact with us regularly often reflects our true character.
- **Plot Summary**: A man questions the behavior of his wife, who is disliked by everyone in their household. To test her character further, he sends her to visit her father’s house. Upon her return, she reports that even the herdsmen and shepherds showed her aversion. The man reflects on her behavior, understanding that those who interact with her daily likely have an even stronger dislike for her.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Man**: Represents the rational observer who seeks the truth about his wife's character.
  - **The Wife**: Embodies the negative traits that lead to her unpopularity, illustrating how one's behavior can affect their relationships.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will be able to identify the moral of the story.
  - Students will analyze the character traits of the man and his wife.
  - Students will discuss the implications of interpersonal relationships as shown in the story.
  - Students will connect the story's moral to real-life situations.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What do you think contributed to the wife's unpopularity with both her household and her father's household?
  2. How does the story illustrate the idea that our actions affect how others perceive us?
  3. Can you think of a time when you or someone you know faced consequences due to their behavior?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Man and His Wife"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and writing utensils for notes

✓ Original text available on the story page.