LESSON PLAN

The Man and the Fish-horn

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	4

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion on what it means to be honest. Ask students if they have ever faced a situation where they had to choose between honesty and a more favorable outcome.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "The Man and the Fish-horn" aloud to the class. After reading, ask students to summarize the story in their own words.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups. Each group will discuss the moral of the story and how it can be applied in real-life situations. Encourage them to think of examples from their own experiences or other **thought-provoking moral stories**.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Bring the class back together and ask each group to share their insights. Discuss how a positive attitude, like that of the Truthful Man, can change our perspective on failure.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude with a quick quiz where students write down key points about the moral of the story and how they can apply it in their lives.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Man and the Fish-horn; Moral: Honesty and a positive perspective can prevail even in the face of failure.
- **Plot Summary**: A Truthful Man discovers a musical instrument called a fish-horn and believes it will help him catch fish. Despite his efforts, he catches no fish. When questioned about his luck, he maintains a positive outlook, focusing on the joy of music instead of his failure in fishing.
- **Key Characters and their significance**:
  - **The Truthful Man**: Represents honesty and the importance of maintaining a positive attitude in the face of adversity.
  - **The Friend**: Serves as a foil to the Truthful Man, prompting reflection on the meaning of success and failure.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:

    - Students will identify the main characters and their traits.
    - Students will analyze the moral of the story and its relevance to their own lives.
    - Students will discuss how honesty influences outcomes in various situations.
    - Students will explore the theme of positivity in the face of failure.
- **Discussion Questions**:
    - What does the Truthful Man's reaction to his fishing failure reveal about his character?
    - How does the story illustrate the value of maintaining a positive perspective?
    - In what ways can honesty impact our relationships and experiences?
- **Required Materials**:
    - Copies of the story "The Man and the Fish-horn"
    - Whiteboard and markers
    - Paper and pens for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.