LESSON PLAN

The Man and the Wart

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

- Start with a humorous anecdote about a time someone tried to sell you something ridiculous to engage students and set the tone.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

- Read the story 'The Man and the Wart' aloud to the class.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Break students into small groups to analyze the characters and their motivations.

10 min

Application/Reflection

- Regroup and have each skit presented.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

- Quick quiz on key concepts learned, including the moral, characters, and themes discussed.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Man and the Wart; Moral: The story illustrates that some people exploit the vulnerabilities of others for personal gain, often disguising their intentions with false promises and charm.
- **Plot summary**: A man with a wart on his nose encounters another person with a similar affliction and takes advantage of his vulnerability by proposing a membership to a fictitious order. Through humorous dialogue, the story highlights the absurdity of exploitation and the gullibility of those who fall for such schemes.
- **Key characters and their significance**:
  - **The Man with a Wart on His Nose**: Represents the unscrupulous individual who exploits others for personal gain.
  - **The Person Similarly Afflicted**: Symbolizes the naive victim who, despite recognizing the absurdity, still falls prey to charm and manipulation.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will identify the moral lesson in 'The Man and the Wart'.

    - Students will analyze how humor is used to convey deeper messages in moral stories.
    - Students will discuss the characteristics of characters that exploit others.
    - Students will reflect on personal experiences where they may have encountered similar exploitation.
- **Discussion Questions**:
    - What does the story suggest about the nature of charm and persuasion?
    - How does the use of humor enhance the moral lesson in the story?
    - Can you think of a real-life example where someone was exploited in a similar way?
- **Required Materials**:
    - Copies of 'The Man and the Wart'
    - Whiteboard and markers
    - Paper and pens for notes

✓ Original text available on the story page.