LESSON PLAN

The Master's Eye

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–8	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin the lesson with a thought-provoking question: "Have you ever tried to hide something important? What happened?" Allow a few students to share brief experiences to set the stage for the story.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "The Master's Eye" aloud to the class. Encourage students to visualize the scenes and characters as the story unfolds. After reading, ask students to summarize the plot in their own words.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups and assign each group a key character (stag, oxen, overseer). Ask them to discuss and list the character's motivations, actions, and significance in the story. Each group will present their findings to the class.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Facilitate a class discussion on the moral of the story. Ask students to reflect on scenarios in their own lives where honesty and accountability were tested. Have them share their thoughts on how they responded.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude with a quick review quiz where

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Master's Eye; The moral teaches that one cannot escape scrutiny forever, as the watchful eye of authority will ultimately reveal hidden truths and lead to consequences.
- **Plot Summary**: In this captivating moral story, a stag seeks refuge in an oxen stable after fleeing from danger. The oxen agree to hide him, but the stag's fate takes a turn when the overseer, referred to as "Hundred-Eyes," arrives to inspect the stable. Despite the stag's hopes, he is ultimately discovered and faces dire consequences.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Stag**: Represents those who seek refuge and act dishonestly in hopes of avoiding scrutiny.
  - **The Oxen**: Symbolize the collective responsibility of individuals to uphold integrity and honesty.

- **The Overseer (Hundred-Eyes)**: Embodies authority and the inevitable exposure of hidden truths.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will analyze the theme and moral of the story.
  - Students will identify the key characters and their roles in conveying the story's message.
  - Students will engage in critical thinking about the implications of the moral in real-life situations.
  - Students will articulate their thoughts on the importance of honesty and accountability.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  - What do you think the stag could have done differently to avoid his fate?
  - How do the actions of the oxen reflect on the idea of collective responsibility?
  - In what ways can the moral of this story apply to our lives today?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of "The Master's Eye" story
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pencils for student notes