LESSON PLAN

The Mouse the Frog and the Hawk

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–5	50 min	4

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

- Begin with a brief discussion on friendship and trust. Ask students if they have ever been betrayed by a friend and what the consequences were.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

- Read the story aloud. Pause for dramatic effect when the Frog drags the Mouse into the water. Discuss students' initial reactions to the plot.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups and assign each group to analyze a character's motivations. Groups will present their findings regarding the Frog's intentions and the Mouse's innocence.

10 min

Application/Reflection

- Facilitate a class discussion on how the moral of the story applies to real-life situations, especially in friendships. Encourage students to share personal anecdotes related to the theme.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

- Conduct a quick formative assessment by asking students to write a short paragraph summarizing the moral of the story and how it relates to their own lives.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Mouse, the Frog, and the Hawk; Moral: Those who plot harm against others may ultimately bring about their own downfall.
- **Plot Summary**: A Mouse befriends a Frog, who secretly plans to drown him. After luring the Mouse to the water, the Frog jumps in, dragging the Mouse with him. The Mouse drowns, but both become prey for a Hawk, illustrating the consequences of malicious intentions.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **Mouse**: Represents innocence and vulnerability.
  - **Frog**: Embodies treachery and malice, serving as the antagonist.
  - **Hawk**: Symbolizes the inevitable consequences of one's actions.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will identify the main characters and their roles in the story.
  - Students will articulate the moral lesson conveyed through the narrative.
  - Students will analyze the actions of the Frog and the consequences that follow.
  - Students will discuss the humorous elements and how they relate to the story's moral.
  - Students will connect the story to other moral stories and themes of justice.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What motivated the Frog to betray the Mouse?
  2. How does the story use humor to convey its moral?
  3. What can we learn about friendship from the actions of the Mouse and the Frog?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Mouse, the Frog, and the Hawk"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pens for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.