LESSON PLAN

The One-Eyed Doe

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–6	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion about fears and how people try to avoid danger in their lives. Ask students if they have ever tried to avoid something, only to find it unavoidable.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story aloud to the class. After reading, ask students to summarize the plot in their own words and identify the main characters.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups and assign each group a character from the story. Have them discuss the character's motivations and the themes they represent. Groups will then present their findings to the class.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Ask students to write a short paragraph reflecting on a time they tried to avoid a challenge and what the outcome was. Encourage them to connect their experiences to the moral of the story.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Collect the reflection paragraphs to assess students' understanding of the moral and their ability to connect it to personal experience.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The One-Eyed Doe; Moral: One cannot evade their fate, no matter how carefully they try to protect themselves.
- **Plot Summary**: The story follows a one-eyed doe who, after losing her sight on one side, seeks refuge on a high cliff to avoid hunters. She cleverly keeps her sound eye towards the land, successfully evading danger. However, hunters eventually discover her weakness and shoot her from the sea, leading to her poignant realization that fate cannot be escaped.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Doe**: Represents vulnerability and the struggle against fate.
  - **The Hunters**: Symbolize the unavoidable challenges of life and the inevitability of fate.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral lesson of the story.
  - Students will identify the characters and their roles in conveying the story's message.
  - Students will discuss the themes of fate and vulnerability in real-life contexts.
  - Students will analyze how the doe's actions reflect common human behaviors toward avoiding danger.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What do you think the one-eyed doe symbolizes in our own lives?
  2. How do we often try to avoid facing our fate, and what are the consequences?
  3. Can you think of a real-life story that reflects the moral of this tale?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The One-Eyed Doe"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and writing materials for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.