LESSON PLAN

The Patriot and the Banker

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	4

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a short discussion on what honesty means to students. Ask if they have ever faced a situation where they felt pressured to compromise their values.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story aloud to the class. Encourage students to visualize the characters and setting. After reading, ask them to summarize the plot in their own words.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups to discuss the characters' motivations and the moral implications of their choices. Each group will present their findings to the class.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students write a short reflection on a time they faced a moral dilemma and how they handled it. Encourage them to connect their experience with the story's themes.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conduct a quick exit ticket where students write down one lesson they learned from the story and how they can apply it in their lives.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Patriot and the Banker; The story highlights the irony of moral accountability, suggesting that those who exploit public trust often rationalize their actions while remaining blind to the broader consequences of their greed.
- **Plot Summary**: In this impactful moral story, a Patriot who rose to wealth through dubious means attempts to open a bank account. The Honest Banker challenges him to restore what he stole from the government, leading to a revealing conversation about morality and accountability.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Patriot**: Represents individuals who exploit systems for personal gain while justifying their actions.
  - **The Honest Banker**: Embodies integrity and moral accountability, contrasting the Patriot's self-serving rationalizations.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the concept of moral accountability.
  - Students will analyze the motivations behind the characters' actions.
  - Students will discuss the implications of greed in society.
  - Students will reflect on personal values and ethics in decision-making.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What does the interaction between the Patriot and the Banker reveal about human nature?
  2. How does the story serve as a cautionary tale about greed and justification?
  3. In what ways can this story be related to current events or personal experiences?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of "The Patriot and the Banker"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pencils for note-taking and reflections

✓ Original text available on the story page.