LESSON PLAN

The Pavior

GRADES	READING LEVEL
9+	4

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme:** The Pavior - Fulfillment and dignity can be found in honest, diligent work.
- **Plot Summary:** An Author encounters a weary Labourer hammering stones into the pavement. The Author speaks of ambition and the potential for fame, but the Labourer values his honest work and finds contentment in his labor, rejecting the notion that he should aspire for more.
- **Key Characters:**
  - **The Author:** Represents societal expectations of ambition and fame.
  - **The Labourer:** Embodies the value of hard work and personal fulfillment, challenging the norms surrounding success.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives:**
  - Students will understand the moral of the story and its application to real life.

- Students will discuss the significance of dignity in work, regardless of societal recognition.
- Students will identify parallels between the story and their own experiences with work and ambition.
- Students will analyze character motivations and their impact on the story's theme.

- **Discussion Questions:**
  1. What does the Labourer’s response to the Author reveal about his values?
  2. How does society's view of success influence our personal goals?
  3. Can you share a real-life story where hard work led to fulfillment, even if it did not result in fame?
- **Required Materials:**
  - Copies of 'The Pavior' for each student
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Projector for visual aids (if necessary)

LESSON FLOW

- **Opening Hook (5 min):** Start with a brief discussion on what success means to students. Ask them to share examples of people they admire and the reasons behind their admiration, focusing on whether those reasons include fame or integrity.
- **Story Exploration (15-20 min):** Read 'The Pavior' aloud. After reading, ask students to summarize the story in their own words, focusing on the key events and characters.
- **Analysis Exercises (15 min):**

    - Divide students into small groups and assign each group a character to analyze. They will discuss the character's perspective on work and ambition, then present their findings to the class.
    - Encourage students to link their analysis with the broader theme of the story and how it connects to real-life moral stories focused on personal growth.
- **Application/Reflection (10 min):** Have students reflect in writing on a time they felt fulfilled through their work, regardless of recognition. Prompt them to consider what they learned from that experience.
- **Assessment Strategy (5 min):** Collect reflections and provide feedback focusing on their understanding of the story's moral and how it relates to their personal experiences.

SUPPORTING ELEMENTS

- **Extension Activities:**
    1. Write a short story or personal narrative inspired by 'The Pavior' that explores the theme of finding

✓ Original text available on the story page.