LESSON PLAN

The Policeman and the Citizen

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	5

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Start with a brief discussion about authority figures and their roles in society. Ask students if they have ever witnessed a situation where authority was misused.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story aloud or have students take turns reading. Pause to discuss key moments and encourage students to express their initial reactions.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups to analyze the motivations of the policeman and the citizen. Have each group present their findings to the class.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Lead a whole-class discussion on how the moral of the story applies to their lives and the world around them. Encourage students to share examples of authority figures they have encountered.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Use an exit ticket where students write down one lesson they learned from the story and how they plan to apply it in their lives.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Policeman and the Citizen - "Abusing power against the innocent rather than addressing the true issues can lead to a corrupt and unjust system."
- **Plot Summary**: In this engaging moral tale, a policeman mistakes a man in a fit for a drunkard and begins to beat him. A citizen intervenes and questions the policeman's actions, only to be attacked himself. The story illustrates how misused authority can lead to injustice and highlights the consequences of ignoring true issues in society.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Policeman**: Represents authority and the misuse of power. His actions depict how those in power can sometimes overlook their responsibilities.
  - **The Citizen**: Embodies the voice of reason and moral integrity. His intervention signifies the importance of standing against injustice.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral lesson of the story and its relevance to real-life situations.
  - Students will analyze character motivations and the consequences of their actions.
  - Students will engage in discussions about the responsibilities of those in power.
  - Students will reflect on how power can be misused and the importance of justice.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What does the story teach us about the responsibilities of authority figures?
  2. How might the situation have changed if the policeman had listened to the citizen?
  3. In what ways can we apply the moral of this story to current events or societal issues?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Policeman and the Citizen"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and writing utensils for students