LESSON PLAN

The Quack Frog

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–4	50 min	5

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a humorous anecdote about someone who overestimated their abilities (e.g., a friend's failed cooking attempt). Engage students with laughter and relate it to the lesson of the day.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "The Quack Frog" aloud to the class. Pause at key moments to discuss the frog's claims and the fox's reactions. Encourage students to share their initial thoughts and feelings about the characters.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups to analyze the motivations of the frog and the fox.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students write a brief reflection on a time they or someone they know claimed to be an expert in something they were not. Discuss how this relates to the story's moral.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Students will share their reflections in pairs, and the teacher will circulate, listening for understanding of the moral and key themes.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Quack Frog; The moral of the story is that one should not claim expertise or offer advice when they themselves are not capable or knowledgeable in the subject.
- **Plot Summary**: In this humorous tale, a frog emerges from the marsh and boasts of being a skilled physician. However, his claims are quickly challenged by a fox, who points out the frog's own ailments. This story serves as a cautionary tale about the dangers of self-importance and false expertise.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Frog**: Represents arrogance and the tendency to overstate one's abilities.
  - **The Fox**: Symbolizes wisdom and skepticism, serving as the voice of reason that questions the frog's claims.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:

- Students will understand the importance of humility and self-awareness.
- Students will identify the consequences of false claims and unwarranted advice.
- Students will analyze character motivations in the story.
- Students will explore the humor and wisdom in moral stories.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What does the frog's behavior teach us about self-awareness and honesty?
  2. How does the fox's response contribute to the overall message of the story?
  3. Can you think of other well-known moral stories that convey similar themes?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of "The Quack Frog"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pens for reflections

✓ Original text available on the story page.