LESSON PLAN

The Seeker and the Sought

GRADES	READING LEVEL
9+	4

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme:** The Seeker and the Sought - The moral of the story is that deception can lead to unintended consequences, as those who seek to exploit others may find themselves ensnared instead.
- **Plot Summary:** A cunning politician desires a fat turkey for dinner and devises a deceptive plan to catch it using a grain of corn as bait. When the turkey swallows the hook, the politician triumphantly claims that the turkey sought him, completely ignoring the truth of the situation. This illustrates how manipulation can backfire and lead to unforeseen results.
- **Key Characters:**
  - **The Politician:** Represents deceit and manipulation, showcasing the lengths some will go for personal gain.
  - **The Turkey:** Symbolizes innocence and the consequences of falling for traps laid by others.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives:**
  - Students will understand the concept of deception and its consequences.
  - Students will analyze the characters' motivations in the story.
  - Students will identify the moral lesson and discuss its relevance in real life.
  - Students will create their fable stories with moral lessons.
- **Discussion Questions:**
  - What were the politician's motivations for deceiving the turkey?
  - How might the story change if the turkey had not swallowed the hook?
  - Can you think of a real-life situation where deception led to unexpected outcomes?
- **Required Materials:**
  - Copies of "The Seeker and the Sought"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and writing utensils for students

LESSON FLOW

- **Opening Hook (5 min):**
  - Begin with a quick read story with moral that highlights a simple lesson about honesty. Ask students if they have ever been deceived and how it felt.
- **Story Exploration (15-20 min):**
  - Read "The Seeker and the Sought" aloud to the class.

- Discuss the immediate reactions to the characters and plot, encouraging students to express their thoughts on the story.

- **Analysis Exercises (15 min):**
  - Divide students into small groups to discuss the motivations of the politician and the turkey.
  - Each group will create a short skit to illustrate their interpretation of the story's moral.
- **Application/Reflection (10 min):**
  - Reflect on how the moral of the story can be applied in students' lives. Prompt students to think of personal experiences related to deception and its consequences.
- **Assessment Strategy (5 min):**
  - Conduct a quick formative assessment by asking students to summarize the moral of the story in one sentence.

SUPPORTING ELEMENTS

- **Extension Activities:**
  - Encourage students to write their moral-based storytelling fable that includes a twist involving deception.
  - Have students research historical figures known for their deception and present their findings to

✓ Original text available on the story page.