LESSON PLAN

The Swan and the Goose

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–5	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion on talents. Ask students to share what unique skills they possess and how these could be beneficial in various situations.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "The Swan and the Goose" aloud to the class. After reading, engage the students in a brief discussion about their initial impressions of the story and its characters.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups and assign each group a character to analyze. Have them discuss the significance of their character and how the character’s traits contributed to the story's outcome. Each group will then present their findings.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Ask students to write a short paragraph on a time they used a unique talent in their own lives. Encourage them to reflect on how that talent helped them and what they learned from the experience.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude the lesson by asking students to share their reflections. Assess their understanding through participation in discussions and

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STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Swan and the Goose; The moral of the story is that one's unique talents and abilities can be crucial for survival in challenging situations.
- **Plot Summary**: A rich man buys a Goose for food and a Swan for its beautiful song. When the time comes for the Goose to be killed, the cook mistakenly captures the Swan in the dark. The Swan, realizing its life is at stake, sings beautifully to reveal its identity and saves itself.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Goose**: Represents the idea of being utilitarian and fulfilling a specific purpose.
  - **The Swan**: Symbolizes the importance of unique talents and how they can be lifesaving in dire situations.
  - **The Rich Man**: Illustrates how people value different talents and how choices can have significant consequences.

- **The Cook**: Represents the unintentional consequences of actions taken without proper understanding.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will identify the main characters and their roles in the story.
  - Students will articulate the moral lesson of the story.
  - Students will analyze how the Swan's unique talent played a crucial role in its survival.
  - Students will discuss the broader implications of using one’s abilities in real-life situations.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  - What does this story teach us about the value of unique skills or talents?
  - How might the outcome of the story have changed if the Swan did not sing?
  - Can you think of a time when your own talents helped you in a difficult situation?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Swan and the Goose"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and writing utensils for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.