LESSON PLAN

The Traveler and Fortune

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–8	50 min	4

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion about luck and fate. Ask students to share their thoughts on how often we attribute success or failure to external factors.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story aloud to the class. After reading, ask students to summarize the plot in their own words to ensure understanding.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups and have them discuss the following:

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students individually write a short paragraph on a time they attributed an outcome to luck rather than their own actions. Encourage them to reflect on what they learned from that experience.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conduct a quick quiz or a thumbs-up/thumbs-down assessment on the key concepts discussed in the lesson.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Traveler and Fortune; Individuals are often responsible for their own misfortunes.
- **Plot Summary**: A traveler, exhausted from his long journey, nearly falls into a deep well. Dame Fortune intervenes to wake him, expressing her frustration that humans often blame her for their own misfortunes, despite their own foolishness leading them to danger.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Traveler**: Represents individuals who often overlook their own responsibility in life's challenges.
  - **Dame Fortune**: Personifies the concept of luck and fate, highlighting the common human tendency to externalize blame.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:

- Students will understand the concept of personal responsibility as depicted in the story.
- Students will analyze how the story reflects the broader theme of accountability.
- Students will identify the moral lesson and its relevance in contemporary life.
- Students will engage in discussions about the nature of luck versus personal choices.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. How does the Traveler's experience illustrate the theme of personal responsibility?
  2. Why do you think people often blame external forces like luck instead of their own actions?
  3. Can you think of a personal experience where you faced consequences due to your own choices?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Traveler and Fortune"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and writing utensils for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.