LESSON PLAN

The Two Fellows and the Bear

GRADES
4–8

READING LEVEL
3

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme:** The Two Fellows and the Bear; True friendship is tested in times of adversity, and those who abandon you in difficult moments cannot be trusted.
- **Plot Summary:** Two friends are traveling together when they are confronted by a bear. One friend hides in a tree, while the other lies flat on the ground. When the bear leaves, the friend in the tree comes down and laughs, only to learn that the other has received a vital lesson about trust in friendship.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance:**
  - **The Two Fellows:** Represents contrasting responses to adversity—one seeks self-preservation while the other demonstrates vulnerability.
  - **The Bear:** Symbolizes the challenges and tests of friendship that reveal true character.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives:**

    - Students will understand the moral of the story and its relevance to real-life friendships.
    - Students will analyze the characters' actions and their implications for trust and loyalty.
    - Students will discuss how the story conveys simple lessons from stories that can be applied to their own lives.
    - Students will reflect on the importance of having trustworthy friends during difficult times.
- **Discussion Questions:**
    - What would you have done if you were in the situation of the two fellows?
    - How do the actions of the friend in the tree affect your perception of true friendship?
    - Can you think of a time when you were tested in your friendships? What did you learn?
- **Required Materials:**
    - Copies of the story "The Two Fellows and the Bear"
    - Whiteboard and markers
    - Paper and pencils for notes

LESSON FLOW

- **Opening Hook (5 min):**
    - Start with a brief discussion about friendships. Ask students to share what they think makes a good friend and how they would react in tough situations.
- **Story Exploration (15-20 min):**

- Read the story aloud or have students take turns reading. After reading, ask students to summarize the plot and identify the key characters.

- **Analysis Exercises (15 min):**
  - Divide students into small groups to analyze the characters' choices. Each group will discuss the motivations behind the actions of the fellows and how those choices reflect on their friendship.
- **Application/Reflection (10 min):**
  - Bring the class back together and have each group share their findings. Encourage students to relate the moral of the story to their own experiences with friends.
- **Assessment Strategy (5 min):**
  - Conduct a quick quiz or reflection where students write one sentence about what they learned regarding trust and friendship from the story.

SUPPORTING ELEMENTS

- **Extension Activities:**
  - Write a short story inspired by "The Two Fellows and the Bear" that explores another moral lesson.
  - Create a comic strip that illustrates

✓ Original text available on the story page.