LESSON PLAN

The Unchanged Diplomatist

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

- Begin with a brief discussion on what makes a story captivating. Ask students to share their thoughts on famous fables and their morals.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

- Read 'The Unchanged Diplomatist' aloud.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups.

10 min

Application/Reflection

- Have students write a brief reflection on a time when they felt that promotions or titles did not reflect true capability or wisdom in any context.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

- Conduct a quick quiz or exit ticket where students write down the moral of the story and one example of how it applies to real life.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Unchanged Diplomatist; The moral of the story is that promotions and increased status do not necessarily equate to increased wisdom or capability.
- **Plot Summary**: In the republic of Madagonia, an officer known as Dazie is promoted to a higher rank of Dandee. He eagerly informs the King of Patagascar about his new title, but the King humorously points out that despite his promotion, Dazie's intelligence remains unchanged, highlighting the irony of status without substance.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **Dazie**: The protagonist whose promotion illustrates the story's moral about the nature of wisdom and capability.
  - **King of Patagascar**: The wise ruler who questions Dazie's qualifications post-promotion, serving as the voice of reason and critique.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral lesson behind 'The Unchanged Diplomatist'.

- Students will analyze the characters and their significance in conveying the story's theme.
- Students will discuss the implications of status and intelligence in leadership roles.
- Students will explore how this fable relates to other famous fables with moral lessons.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. Why do you think the King reacted the way he did to Dazie's promotion?
  2. How does this story compare to other short moral stories you've read?
  3. In what ways can the message of this story apply to real-life situations, especially in professional environments?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of 'The Unchanged Diplomatist'
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper for students' notes and reflections

✓ Original text available on the story page.