LESSON PLAN

The Victor and the Victim

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion on pride. Ask students to share examples of situations where pride led to a negative outcome in their lives or in stories they know.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story as a class. Pause at key moments to ask students for their reactions and thoughts. Discuss the characters’ motivations and the setting of the story.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

In small groups, students will analyze the characters' actions and discuss how pride affected the victor's fate. Each group will present their findings to the class.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students write a short paragraph reflecting on a time when they witnessed or experienced the consequences of pride. Encourage them to think about how alliances can shift the outcome in difficult situations.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Quick verbal quiz where students must identify key elements of the story and its moral.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Victor and the Victim; Pride can lead to one's downfall, but unexpected alliances can turn the tide against a common enemy.
- **Plot Summary**: The story follows two game cocks who engage in a fierce battle. The victor, filled with pride, taunts his defeated opponent, only to attract the attention of a hawk. Just as the hawk prepares to strike, the defeated cock surprises everyone by coming to the rescue, demonstrating that teamwork can overcome even the strongest foe.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Victor**: Represents pride and the consequences of boasting.
  - **The Victim**: Initially appears weak but shows strength through alliance.
  - **The Hawk**: Symbolizes the dangers that can arise from prideful behavior.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral of the story and its implications.
  - Students will analyze the actions of each character and their significance.
  - Students will discuss how pride can lead to negative consequences in real life.
  - Students will explore the importance of teamwork and unexpected alliances.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  - What do you think the victor could have done differently to avoid his downfall?
  - How does the defeated cock demonstrate resilience and courage?
  - Can you think of a time when you had to work with someone you didn't expect to succeed? What was the outcome?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Victor and the Victim"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper for notes and reflections