LESSON PLAN

The Wolf and the Ostrich

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	5

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Start with a brief discussion on the concept of kindness. Ask students what they think kindness means and if they have ever helped someone without expecting anything back.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story "The Wolf and the Ostrich" aloud to the class. After reading, engage the students in a discussion about the characters and the plot.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups and have them analyze the characters' motivations. Ask each group to create a character map illustrating the Wolf and the Ostrich’s traits and actions.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students reflect on the moral of the story by writing a short paragraph about how they can apply this lesson in their own lives. Encourage them to think about acts of kindness they can perform without expecting anything in return.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Ask students to share their reflections with the class. Assess their understanding of the moral by listening to their insights and responses.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Wolf and the Ostrich - The moral of the story is that selfless acts of kindness should not be expected to be rewarded.
- **Plot Summary**: In this entertaining moral story, a Wolf, having choked on a bunch of keys while devouring a man, asks an Ostrich for help. The Ostrich selflessly assists the Wolf by pulling the keys out of his throat, but when the Wolf questions her about payment, she explains that kindness is its own reward.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **Wolf**: Represents selfishness and the expectation of reward for actions.
  - **Ostrich**: Embodies selflessness and the true spirit of kindness without expecting anything in return.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the importance of selfless acts of kindness.
  - Students will identify the moral of the story and discuss its relevance in real life.
  - Students will analyze the character motivations and actions in the story.
  - Students will create their own short moral stories inspired by the themes of kindness and selflessness.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. Why do you think the Wolf expected a reward for the Ostrich's help?
  2. How does the Ostrich's response reflect the true nature of kindness?
  3. Can you think of a time when you helped someone without expecting anything in return? How did that make you feel?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Wolf and the Ostrich"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and art supplies for extension activities