LESSON PLAN

Three of a Kind

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	4

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Start with a humorous anecdote about a lawyer to engage students and set the tone for the lesson. Ask students if they know any funny lawyer jokes to create a light atmosphere.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "Three of a Kind" aloud. Pause to discuss key moments and ask students for their initial reactions. Focus on the humor in the story and how it contrasts with its serious themes.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Split students into small groups and assign each group a character. Have them analyze the character's motivations and actions.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students write a brief reflection on how the story relates to real-life situations involving justice and deceit, using examples from current events or personal experiences.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude with a quick quiz or a few oral questions to assess students' understanding of the moral and key themes from the story.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: "Three of a Kind" - The story illustrates that true justice cannot be served when the pursuit of defense is rooted in deceit and exploitation.
- **Plot Summary**: A lawyer, despite his limited knowledge of the law, is hired to defend a burglar. During their consultation, the burglar reveals he has two accomplices: one to help him evade capture and the lawyer to avoid conviction. This shocking admission leads the lawyer to abandon the case, highlighting the moral complexities involved in justice.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Lawyer**: Represents the moral conflict between justice and dishonesty.
  - **The Burglar**: Embodies the themes of deceit and the exploitation of the legal system.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will analyze the moral implications of the story.
  - Students will identify the key characters and their motivations.
  - Students will discuss the relationship between justice and morality.
  - Students will explore how humor can be used to convey serious messages in stories.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What does the burglar's admission reveal about his character and values?
  2. How does the lawyer's reaction reflect his moral stance on justice?
  3. In what ways does this story provide a humorous perspective on serious topics?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "Three of a Kind"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pens for student notes

✓ Original text available on the story page.