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The Shadow of the Leader

Worksheet · Grades 9+



Comprehension Questions

1. What was the political leader doing when he noticed his shadow?
2. How did the shadow respond when the leader called it back?
3. What does the response of the shadow suggest about the leader's character?
4. What moral lesson can be inferred from this short story?
5. Why do you think the author chose a shadow as a character in this tale?

Vocabulary Matching Exercise

Match the words on the left with their correct definitions on the right.

Word	Definition
1. Shadow	A. A figure cast by an object blocking light
2. Scoundrel	B. A person who behaves dishonestly or unscrupulously
3. Political	C. Relating to the government or public affairs
4. Leader	D. A person who leads or commands a group
5. Moral	E. A lesson about what is right or wrong

Writing/Reflection Task

Reflect on the story and answer the following questions in the space provided.

1. What do you think the story is trying to teach us about leadership?

2. Can you think of a time when someone's actions reflected poorly on their character? Describe the situation.

3. How can this moral story be applied to your own life or experiences?

Feel free to discuss your answers with a partner or group!