

Chapter 1 : Life & Moral Stories

Short stories make versatile and useful subjects for teaching students many aspects of literature. Read an idea of teaching a short story unit with resources for specific lesson plan ideas.

Rowling Let me distract you for a moment and tell you four short stories. These are old stories " familiar stories. The people and the circumstances differ slightly for everyone who tells them, but the core lessons remain the same. This past Sunday my curiosity got the best of me, so I stopped jogging and walked over to her. As I got closer, I realized that the metal cage was in fact a small trap. There were three turtles, unharmed, slowly walking around the base of the trap. She had a fourth turtle in her lap that she was carefully scrubbing with a spongy brush. It can also corrode and weaken the shell over time. I scratched my head. I mean, I think your efforts are kind and all, but there are fresh water turtles living in lakes all around the world. So, no offenseÉ but how exactly are your localized efforts here truly making a difference? You can change the world " maybe not all at once, but one person, one animal, and one good deed at a time. Wake up every morning and pretend like what you do makes a difference. The Weight of the Glass Once upon a time a psychology professor walked around on a stage while teaching stress management principles to an auditorium filled with students. It all depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for an hour straight, its weight might make my arm ache a little. If I hold it for a day straight, my arm will likely cramp up and feel completely numb and paralyzed, forcing me to drop the glass to the floor. Think about them for a while and nothing happens. Think about them a bit longer and you begin to ache a little. Think about them all day long, and you will feel completely numb and paralyzed " incapable of doing anything else until you drop them. No matter what happens during the day, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Shark Bait During a research experiment a marine biologist placed a shark into a large holding tank and then released several small bait fish into the tank. As you would expect, the shark quickly swam around the tank, attacked and ate the smaller fish. The marine biologist then inserted a strong piece of clear fiberglass into the tank, creating two separate partitions. She then put the shark on one side of the fiberglass and a new set of bait fish on the other. Again, the shark quickly attacked. This time, however, the shark slammed into the fiberglass divider and bounced off. Undeterred, the shark kept repeating this behavior every few minutes to no avail. Meanwhile, the bait fish swam around unharmed in the second partition. Eventually, about an hour into the experiment, the shark gave up. This experiment was repeated several dozen times over the next few weeks. Each time, the shark got less aggressive and made fewer attempts to attack the bait fish, until eventually the shark got tired of hitting the fiberglass divider and simply stopped attacking altogether. The shark was trained to believe a barrier existed between it and the bait fish, so the bait fish swam wherever they wished, free from harm. Many of us, after experiencing setbacks and failures, emotionally give up and stop trying. Like the shark in the story, we believe that because we were unsuccessful in the past, we will always be unsuccessful. Read The Road Less Traveled. Being and Breathing One warm evening many years agoÉ After spending nearly every waking minute with Angel for eight straight days, I knew that I had to tell her just one thing. So late at night, just before she fell asleep, I whispered it in her ear. The room was peaceful " almost silent. All I could hear was the soft purr of her breathing. Nor did the future hold any significance. All that mattered was the serenity of the moment. Just being with her and breathing with her. We must not allow the clock, the calendar, and external pressures to rule our lives and blind us to the fact that each individual moment of our lives is a beautiful mystery and a miracle " especially those moments we spend in the presence of a loved one. Your turnÉ How do you think differently today than you once did? What life experience or realization brought on a significant change in your way of thinking? Please leave a comment below and share your story with us.

Chapter 2 : Short Stories with Questions | Reading Activities | Ereading Worksheets

This lesson is designed to help students ask questions and support answers by connecting prior knowledge with literal information found in, and inferred from, the text.

Lesson 1 A man is getting into the shower just as his wife is finishing up her shower when the doorbell rings. The wife quickly wraps herself in a towel and runs downstairs. When she opens the door, there stands Bob, the next door neighbor. The woman wraps back up in the towel and goes back upstairs. If you share critical information pertaining to credit and risk with your shareholders in time, you may be in a position to prevent avoidable exposure. Lesson 2 A sales rep, an administration clerk, and the manager are walking to lunch when they find an antique oil lamp. They rub it and a Genie comes out. Always let your boss have the first say. Lesson 3 A priest offered a lift to a Nun. She got in and crossed her legs, forcing her gown to reveal a leg. The priest nearly had an accident. After controlling the car, he stealthily slid his hand up her leg. But, changing gears, he let his hand slide up her leg again. On his arrival at the church, the priest rushed to look up Psalm If you are not well informed in your job, you might miss a great opportunity. Lesson 4 A crow was sitting on a tree, doing nothing all day. A fox jumped on the rabbit and ate it. Moral of the story: To be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting very high up. The next day, after eating some more dung, he reached the second branch. Finally after a fourth night, there he was proudly perched at the top of the tree. Soon he was spotted by a farmer, who shot the turkey out of the tree. Bullshit might get you to the top, but it wont keep you there. It was so cold the bird froze and fell to the ground into a large field. While he was lying there, a cow came by and dropped some dung on him. As the frozen bird lay there in the pile of cow dung, he began to realize how warm he was. The dung was actually thawing him out! He lay there all warm and happy, and soon began to sing for joy. A passing cat heard the bird singing and came to investigate. Following the sound, the cat discovered the bird under the pile of cow dung, and promptly dug him out and ate him. Not everyone who shits on you is your enemy 2. Not everyone who gets you out of shit is your friend 3.

Chapter 3 : Short Story Teaching Resource Guide: For Middle & High School Teachers

Stories that have morals and messages behind them are always powerful. In fact, it's crazy just how powerful a word story can be. Our last article of short stories became so popular, that we decided to create another list, in which every story has a simple moral behind it.

Use the accompanying writing lesson ideas to engage students. Johnny raised his hand. I then took his advice. Here are some excellent short stories for teaching theme. Use this graphic organizer. I just want to make sure everybody that visits this page gets something useful right away: This story is so outdated. Explain to students that in the past, people often pretended to be wealthier than they were in order to gain social status. For example, I bragged about my daring feats on a diving board, so my friend took me cliff diving on the Colorado River. Luckily, nobody noticed I peed my pants on the way down. They did, however, notice I was crying as I floated in the fetal position on the water. False accusations can ruin a man, but what if the accusation is true? Instruct students to write about a time they accused someone falsely or they were accused falsely. For example, when my wife was three months pregnant and suffering from morning sickness, I decided to sautee onions and garlic for the evening meal. She accused me of purposely trying to make her sick. In reality, I was just stupid. Fend off the wolves of mediocrity with this great teaching guide. It contains lesson plans, graphic organizers, rubrics, a quiz, and more. Write a found poem. Instructions along with a discussion on theme can be found by following the link. Check out these free "Interlopers" lesson plans. Can Chee honor the tribe and get back his daughter? Instruct students to write about a time they faced an inner conflict with tradition, what they did, and what were the results. For example, it was a tradition in my family to watch football every Sunday. As I got older, I found better things to do on Sunday and no longer participated in the tradition. Discuss what the veil symbolizes. These 4 of the most common interpretations: Create a 3-column chart with "symbolic meaning" in one column, "specific example" in one column, and "interpretation" in one column. Fill out the chart and discuss. His wife is ashamed of him and treats him rudely. All that is about to change. Hemingway explores what it means to be a man in this short classic. Instruct students to write about something they did that took courage and nerve and what the results were. For example, after humiliating myself on the Colorado River cliffs, I returned to the top, did a flip, and completed one of the grandest back smacks in the history of cliff diving. For the super-duper unit plan complete with lesson plans, graphic organizers, multiple rubrics, a quiz, an answer key, and a nestful of other things, download it now. They abound in "A White Heron. Find evidence for each of these themes as students read or pick a theme and find evidence of it in the story. This is for your administrator, not your kids. Kids need student-friendly worded objectives. Teaching Literary Elements with Short Stories Understanding literary elements is necessary for literary analysis. These short stories will help you teach literary elements.

Chapter 4 : Teaching Great American Short Stories | ELA Common Core Lesson Plans

Plan your lesson in Short Stories and Literature with helpful tips from teachers like you. Students will be able to identify the elements of dramatic structure in a short story.

There are many stories that have morals and messages behind them and they are always powerful. Our last article on short stories became so popular, that we decided to create another list, in which every story has a simple moral behind it. However, the strength of the message remains the same.

The Miser He was one of the most unfortunate people in the world. The longer he lived, the more bitter he was becoming and the more poisonous were his words. People avoided him, because his misfortune became contagious. It was even unnatural and insulting to be happy next to him. He created the feeling of unhappiness in others. But one day, when he turned eighty years old, an incredible thing happened. The old man was asked: What happened to you? And then I decided to live without happiness and just enjoy life.

The Wise Man People have been coming to the wise man, complaining about the same problems every time. One day he told them a joke and everyone roared in laughter. After a couple of minutes, he told them the same joke and only a few of them smiled. When he told the same joke for the third time no one laughed anymore. The wise man smiled and said: So why are you always crying about the same problem?

The Foolish Donkey A salt seller used to carry the salt bag on his donkey to the market every day. On the way they had to cross a stream. One day the donkey suddenly tumbled down the stream and the salt bag also fell into the water. The salt dissolved in the water and hence the bag became very light to carry. The donkey was happy. Then the donkey started to play the same trick every day. The salt seller came to understand the trick and decided to teach a lesson to it. The next day he loaded a cotton bag on the donkey. Again it played the same trick hoping that the cotton bag would be still become lighter. But the dampened cotton became very heavy to carry and the donkey suffered. It learnt a lesson. Moral of the story: Having A Best Friend

A story tells that two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it. But value who you have in your life.

In the morning, they thought of a plan. They made themselves look dirty with grease and dirt. Then they went to the Dean and said they had gone out to a wedding last night and on their way back the tire of their car burst and they had to push the car all the way back. So they were in no condition to take the test. The Dean thought for a minute and said they can have the re-test after 3 days. They thanked him and said they will be ready by that time. On the third day, they appeared before the Dean. The Dean said that as this was a Special Condition Test, all four were required to sit in separate classrooms for the test. They all agreed as they had prepared well in the last 3 days. The Test consisted of only 2 questions with the total of Points. Take responsibility or you will learn your lesson.

He came out of his den and searched here and there. He could find only a small hare. He caught the hare with some hesitation. As the lion was about to kill the hare, a deer ran that way. The lion became greedy. But the deer had vanished into the forest. The lion now felt sorry for letting the hare off. A bird in hand is worth two in the bush.

On a holiday they went walking into a forest, enjoying the beauty of nature. Suddenly they saw a bear coming at them. Raju, who knew all about climbing trees, ran up to a tree and climbed up quickly. Vijay had no idea how to climb the tree. Vijay thought for a second. The bear sniffed him and thought he was dead. So, it went on its way. A friend in need is a friend indeed. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed.

Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot and ground coffee beans in the third pot. He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing. After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to her, he asked. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee.

Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face. He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity-the boiling water. However, each one reacted differently. The potato went in strong, hard and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak. Then the inside of the egg became hard. However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new. Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean? In life, things happen around us, things happen to us, but the only thing that truly matters is how you choose to react to it and what you make out of it. Life is all about leaning, adopting and converting all the struggles that we experience into something positive. Taking a few steps back, the fox jumped and just missed the hanging grapes. Again the fox took a few paces back and tried to reach them but still failed. There he comes across a lion in pain because of a thorn in his paw. The slave bravely goes forward and removes the thorn gently. The lion without hurting him goes away. The slave is awaiting his death in the cage when he realizes that it is the same lion that he had helped. The slave rescued the lion and all other caged animals. One should help others in need, we get the rewards of our helpful acts in return. An old man lived in the village The wise man.

Chapter 5 : The Lesson (short story) - Wikipedia

Have copies of the short stories mentioned in the lesson available for students to read. Ask students to find examples of the characteristics of short stories in each example. Record their answers.

This helps teachers teach the skill of reading more easily than with the bland textbooks that college professors use. Second, reading a fictional book and extracting the morals and lessons show students that there are lessons to be learned just about everywhere, whether made up stories or in other events. This is a strong skill to learn that will help students in the future. Believe in yourself and anything is achievable. This is a timeless story about a long train that is stranded at the bottom of a large mountain and needs an engine that can pull it over the top to the other side. Various engines are asked and all of them refuse except for one. Eventually, the Little Engine does pull the train successfully over the mountain. This teaches students the important lesson that if you think you can and keep pushing yourself, you can do things that you never thought were possible. If you do not like where you are, pick a route and keep going. Seuss had a unique and creative way of putting together rhyming words that somehow matched perfectly with his wildly imaginative illustrations. While he always had fun with the stories he wrote, he also had hidden gems that are still motivating to read even as an adult to this day. As the boy goes through his ups and downs, Dr. The author seamlessly weaves motivational empowerment with a fun and engaging story, summarized in this line: And you know what you know. The story teaches us that no matter what happens or where you are, you should always keep moving, because progression is the most important thing. Combining the story and illustration with his classic rhyming style, Dr. Seuss creates stories that children will remember for years to come. The imagination is a powerful tool. There are many lessons that students can learn from this book, but one of the biggest ones is that your imagination is a powerful tool for not only escaping from reality, but also for learning life lessons. After being sent to his room for being too wild, the main character Max imagines a whole world filled with big, scary monsters. In his pursuit within his imagination, he arrives at an understanding about himself that he would not have otherwise learned. He learns that monsters are not as scary as they seem, that his wild behavior was not quite acceptable, but that even if his behavior was too wild, he could still come home to a hot supper. Keep going and you will be surprised how you grow. This is a beautiful short story about a caterpillar that is born, eats a lot, gets sick, and then becomes a beautiful butterfly. In this book, the author illustrates the struggles that the caterpillar goes through, seeking to fill his needs by eating as much as possible. This leads to a stomach ache, which drives the caterpillar to build a cocoon that he lives in for two weeks. The lesson here is that sometimes the most life changing moments come after moments of friction. Be generous and consider how your actions may affect someone else. This classic story written and illustrated by Shel Silverstein is about a growing boy and his relationship with the Giving Tree. It is a wonderfully simple story with depth and many lessons. In the beginning, the Tree is happy because the boy had fun and played games with the tree. As the boy gets older, his visits to the tree become less and less frequent, which makes the Tree sad. Each time the boy comes back, he is older and older. As he gets older, he becomes more self-centered and focused on his own needs. All the while, the Tree still gives everything it has, from its apples, to its branches, and finally its trunk. And all the while, the Tree remains happy because it has been able to help the boy. By personifying the tree, giving it feelings of sadness and happiness, the author creates a very complex story about generosity. Many have interpreted this story as a message about human-nature relationship or about the parent-child relationship. Using illustrated stories helps children stay interested, learn lessons, and ultimately learn that a great lesson can be learned in any situation whether in real life or from a fantasy story.

DOWNLOAD PDF SHORT STORIES WITH LESSON

Chapter 6 : High School Lesson in Short Stories Short Stories Lesson 1: Understanding dramatic structure

Activities in this lesson plan will help you teach your students terminology related to short stories. Using a predictogram activity, students will categorize vocabulary terms and use them to.

Try these famous short stories. A foolish man foolishly starts his journey in foolishly cold weather, foolishly gets wet, and struggles to build a fire or die. For classes that emphasize literature, identifying Naturalistic elements is appropriate linked above. Lesson Idea - "To Build a Fire" is the perfect example of a person v. Peyton Farquhar thought it would be a good idea to burn a Union bridge during the Civil War, the same Union bridge on which he now waits to be hanged Lesson Idea - "An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge" uses flashbacks and dream sequences, an excellent opportunity for teaching plot and sequence. Lesson Idea - Find the Twilight Zone episode of the short story. Lesson Idea - Think symbolism. Follow it up with a literary analysis paragraph. Buying someone the perfect gift sometimes turns out more than perfect. Lesson Idea - I love irony. I love this short story. Use this irony lesson plan to teach it. Lesson Idea - Worried about the political correctness police harassing you around the holidays? Four men in a life boat struggle to reach land. Lesson Idea - Make a chart of the four characters, their attributes, and the likelihood of survival. A really weird Prince thinks he can keep out death. Lesson Idea - Discuss the Bubonic Plague and other plagues in history. A really weird party-goer comes up with the perfect revenge. Lesson Idea - Ever had your students write an instruction manual or a process paragraph. It contains the story, a story summary and analysis, lesson plans, graphic organizers, and a lot more. Imagine a woman in love. Would she rather see her man with another woman or see him mauled by a tiger? This is for your administrator, not your kids. Kids need student-friendly worded objectives. Teaching Literary Elements with Short Stories Understanding literary elements is necessary for literary analysis. These short stories will help you teach literary elements.

Chapter 7 : High School Short Stories Lessonplans, homework, quizzes

Short Stories Lesson 2: Setting and "All Summer in a Day" Ivy Weiskopf from Impact Academy of Arts & Technology. Location: Short Story 9/10 Objective: students will analyze "All Summer in a Day" for the setting and the effect it has on the story itself; students will apply knowledge of dramatic struct.

Chapter 8 : 4 Short Stories that Will Change the Way You Think

Let me distract you for a moment and tell you four short stories. These are old stories - familiar stories. The people and the circumstances differ slightly for everyone who tells them, but the core lessons remain the same.

Chapter 9 : The 10 Best Short Moral Stories With Valuable Lessons | Wealthy Gorilla

The purpose of this lesson will be to introduce the short story to students, by exploring what a short story is, and what the elements are that makes it a distinct genre. Objectives ~ Upon completion of this lesson students will have.