

Lamb To The Slaughter

Short Story Lesson

PDF & Digital Formats



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Middle School Teaching Resources

RESOURCE INCLUDES

- ❑ Detailed Lesson Plan
- ❑ Comprehension Questions
- ❑ Graphic Organizers
- ❑ Answer Keys
- ❑ Assessment Criteria
- ❑ Final Assessment
- ❑ Google Slides Format
- ❑ Individual PDFs of student pages to post to Google Classroom™

EXAMPLE PAGES

LESSON PLAN



Lesson Overview: The teacher will read a short story out loud to the class, provide time for the comprehension questions and completion of the graphic organizers.

Materials Needed:

- ❑ Double-sided photocopy, or use the digital version of the provided short story analysis sheets, comprehension questions, Extend Your Learning choice board, and select 1 assessment sheet (rubric or points-based)
- ❑ Class set of "Lamb to the Slaughter" by Roald Dahl short story (Find this through a Google search for the short story name and PDF)

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Teacher Instructions:

1. Read the short story out loud.
2. Provide students time to complete the comprehension questions.
3. Collect the questions for assessment.
4. Provide students time to complete the graphic organizers.
5. Collect for assessment.
6. Give students time to work on their Extend Your Learning activity.
7. Collect for assessment on the due date.

Answer Key Note:

A sample answer key has been provided for the short story. All items are subject to interpretation of the reader.

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LITERARY ELEMENTS

Plot

Plot is the major events that take place during the story.

Inciting incident is the event that starts the story.

Climax is the highest point of conflict in the story.

Resolution is the ending of the story, where the conflict is usually resolved.

Text Example

Inciting Incident:

Climax:

Resolution:

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"LAMB TO THE SLAUGHTER" ANSWER KEY

Plot	
Inciting Incident	Mary Maloney is waiting at home for her husband, Patrick Maloney, to return from work. She notices his strange behaviour. He shares bad news with her.
Climax	Mary kills Patrick with the lamb leg. She decides to cook the lamb and go out shopping and upon her return finds her husband "dead".
Resolution	Mary feeds the murder weapon to the police. The police say that the murder weapon is probably "right under their noses."

Character	Descriptions
Mary Maloney (Protagonist/Major/Dynamic)	- she is 6 months pregnant and a very devoted wife of Patrick Maloney, a police detective
Patrick Maloney (Antagonist/Minor/Static)	- husband of Mary, is a police detective, who wants to divorce his pregnant wife
Jack Noonan (Major/Static)	- a police sergeant and a friend of Patrick

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