

# The Lady or The Tiger

## 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 "The Lady or the Tiger?" by Frank Stockton 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

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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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## "THE LADY OR THE TIGER?" ANSWER KEY

Plot	<b>Inciting Incident</b> The king finds out that his daughter is in love with a young man, who is beneath her class and station according to the kingdom.
	<b>Climax</b> The princess' lover reaches for the handle of the door on the right.
	<b>Resolution</b> No resolution. The story ends with the reader having to imagine the outcome.
Character	<b>Description</b>
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