Teacher Guide & Lesson Plan

Grade 4 English Language Arts | 45-minute core / 60-minute extended

PURPOSE

Use a Greek myth, a short dramatic reading, and teacher-led question framing to help students focus on a specific decision, connect their opinions to story evidence, listen to peers, and reconsider ideas. The teacher frames the issue—not the answer.

LEARNING TARGETS

- Understand Midas's wish, what happened next, and the resolution.
- Make a claim and support it with an event from the story.
- Compare views, listen respectfully, and reflect on new thinking.

LESSON AT A GLANCE

Activity	45 min	60 min
Teacher reads the brief story	3	3
Readers' theater (roles assigned before class)	3	3
Teacher-led whole-class focus: narrow the question	**5**	**5**
Individual thinking / brief notes	2	2
Focused small-group discussion	**20**	**30**
Group synthesis	5	5
Selected group reports	2	7
Teacher's board summary and reflection	5	5
Total	**45**	**60**

BEFORE CLASS — IMPORTANT

Assign the four speaking roles and give those students scripts to preview BEFORE the lesson. No memorization or rehearsed acting is required. Prepare one individual sheet per student and one group sheet per group. Plan groups of 3–4; have the central question ready on the board.

WHAT IS IN THIS PACKET?

Teacher guide (1 page), facilitator guide (3), story summary (1), readers' theater (1), individual notes (1), group discussion sheet (1). The group sheet also supports short reports; use the board for the final class summary.

My Discussion Notes

One per student | Name: _____ Date: _____

OUR FOCUSED QUESTION

Was it a good choice for King Midas to wish that everything he touched would turn to gold?

A | MY THINKING

After our class identifies the question, I think...

My reason / an event from the story:

B | SOMEONE ELSE'S THINKING

During discussion, someone else thought...

Their reason / a story event they noticed:

C | AFTER WE TALKED

Did my thinking change, grow or stay the same? Why?

Notes are for thinking and listening; complete sentences are not required.