

**Subject Area:** English Language Arts  
**Unit Title:** Exploring Courage and Sacrifice through Literature  
**Grade Level:** 7th Grade  
**Lesson Number:** 1 of 10

**Duration:** 60 minutes  
**Date:** March 10, 2024  
**Teacher:** Ms. Jane Doe  
**Room:** 205

## Curriculum Standards Alignment

### Content Standards:

- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.7.1: Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.7.2: Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text.

### Skills Standards:

- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.7.1: Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions to build on others' ideas and express their own clearly.
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7.6: Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others.

### Cross-Curricular Links:

- Character Education: Courage, Sacrifice, and Empathy
- Life Skills: Critical Thinking, Problem-Solving, and Communication

## Essential Questions & Big Ideas

### Essential Questions:

- What is courage, and how is it demonstrated in literature and real life?
- What is sacrifice, and how can it be a form of courage?

### Enduring Understandings:

- Courage and sacrifice are essential values that can be demonstrated in various ways, including through literature and real-life experiences.
- Understanding and applying these values can help individuals develop empathy, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

## Student Context Analysis

### Class Profile:

- Total Students: 25
- ELL Students: 5
- IEP/504 Plans: 3
- Gifted: 2

### Learning Styles Distribution:

- Visual: 40%
- Auditory: 30%
- Kinesthetic: 30%



## Pre-Lesson Preparation

### Room Setup:

- Arrange desks in a U-shape to facilitate group discussions
- Set up a projector and screen for presentations

### Technology Needs:

- Computers or laptops with internet access
- Projector and screen

### Materials Preparation:

- Copies of "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis
- Whiteboard and markers
- Character analysis worksheets

### Safety Considerations:

- Ensure students are aware of the classroom rules and expectations
- Encourage respectful dialogue and active listening

## Detailed Lesson Flow

### Introduction and Hook (10 minutes)

- Introduce the topic of courage and sacrifice
- Ask students to share examples of courage and sacrifice from their own experiences

### Literary Analysis (20 minutes)

- Provide a summary of "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe"
- Divide students into small groups to analyze specific passages from the book

### Engagement Strategies:

- Use multimedia resources to visually illustrate the themes and characters
- Encourage active participation through discussions and role-playing

### Group Discussion (20 minutes)

- Have each group share their findings with the class
- Facilitate a class discussion, asking questions to prompt critical thinking and teamwork

### Checking for Understanding:

- Use formative assessments to monitor student understanding
- Provide feedback and encouragement to students

### Creative Activity (20 minutes)

- Have students participate in a creative writing or drawing activity

- Allow students to express their understanding of the themes in a personal and creative way

### **Reflection and Application (20 minutes)**

- Have the class come together for a reflection session
- Guide the discussion, providing examples and asking questions to prompt deeper thinking

### **Conclusion and Homework (10 minutes)**

- Summarize the key points discussed
- Assign homework, such as writing a short essay or creating a visual project

## Differentiation & Support Strategies

### For Struggling Learners:

- Provide additional support and scaffolding
- Offer one-on-one instruction or small group instruction

### For Advanced Learners:

- Provide additional challenges and extensions
- Encourage independent research and project-based learning

### ELL Support Strategies:

- Provide visual aids and graphic organizers
- Offer bilingual resources and support

### Social-Emotional Learning Integration:

- Encourage empathy and self-awareness
- Teach conflict resolution and communication skills

## Assessment & Feedback Plan

### Formative Assessment Strategies:

- Class discussions and participation
- Written assignments and quizzes

### Success Criteria:

- Students will be able to analyze the themes of courage and sacrifice in "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe"
- Students will be able to apply moral principles related to courage and sacrifice to real-life scenarios

### Feedback Methods:

- Verbal feedback
- Written feedback

## Homework & Extension Activities

### Homework Assignment:

Write a short essay on the theme of courage in "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe"

### Extension Activities:

- Research and present on a hero or role model who has demonstrated courage and sacrifice
- Create a visual project, such as a poster or infographic, that illustrates a scene from the book where a character shows courage or makes a sacrifice

### Parent/Guardian Connection:

Encourage parents/guardians to ask their child about the lesson and what they learned

## Teacher Reflection Space

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### Pre-Lesson Reflection:

- What challenges do I anticipate?
- Which students might need extra support?
- What backup plans should I have ready?

### Post-Lesson Reflection:

- What went well?
- What would I change?
- Next steps for instruction?

## What is Courage?

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Courage is the ability to do something that frightens one; it is the willingness to face danger, difficulty, or pain without fear.

- Physical courage: the ability to face physical danger or pain
- Moral courage: the ability to stand up for what is right, even if it is difficult or unpopular

## What is Sacrifice?

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Sacrifice is the act of giving up something valuable or important for the sake of something else; it is the willingness to surrender one's own interests or desires for the benefit of others.

- Personal sacrifice: giving up one's own interests or desires for the benefit of others
- Ultimate sacrifice: giving up one's life or well-being for the benefit of others

## Examples of Courage and Sacrifice

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- Aslan's sacrifice in "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe"
- The Pevensie children's bravery in the face of danger
- Real-life examples of courage and sacrifice, such as firefighters or medical professionals

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## Summary of "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe"

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"The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" is a fantasy novel by C.S. Lewis, published in 1950. The story follows the Pevensie children as they find a magical land called Narnia, where they encounter various creatures and embark on a journey to defeat the White Witch and save Narnia.

## Analysis of Courage and Sacrifice in "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe"

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- Aslan's sacrifice: Aslan gives up his life to save Edmund, demonstrating ultimate sacrifice
- The Pevensie children's bravery: the children face danger and difficulty throughout their journey, demonstrating physical and moral courage

## Themes of Courage and Sacrifice

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- The importance of courage and sacrifice in the face of danger or difficulty
- The value of selflessness and putting the needs of others before one's own



### Guiding Questions

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- What motivates Aslan to sacrifice himself?
- How do the Pevensie children demonstrate courage and sacrifice throughout their journey?
- What can we learn from the themes of courage and sacrifice in "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe"?

### Discussion Protocol

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- Encourage active listening and respectful dialogue
- Use open-ended questions to prompt critical thinking and discussion
- Allow students to share their thoughts and ideas without interruption

### Assessment and Feedback

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- Monitor student participation and engagement during the discussion
- Provide feedback and encouragement to students
- Use formative assessments to monitor student understanding

### Creative Writing or Drawing Activity

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Have students participate in a creative writing or drawing activity that explores the themes of courage and sacrifice.

- Write a short story or poem about a character who demonstrates courage and sacrifice
- Draw a picture or create a visual project that illustrates a scene from "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" where a character shows courage or makes a sacrifice

### Reflection and Self-Assessment

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- Have students reflect on their creative work and what they learned about courage and sacrifice
- Encourage students to self-assess their work and identify areas for improvement

### Sharing and Feedback

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- Have students share their creative work with the class
- Provide feedback and encouragement to students
- Use formative assessments to monitor student understanding

### Summary of Key Points

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- Courage and sacrifice are essential values that can be demonstrated in various ways
- Aslan and the Pevensie children demonstrate courage and sacrifice in "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe"
- Students can apply the themes of courage and sacrifice to real-life scenarios

### Homework Assignment

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### Extension Activities

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- Research and present on a hero or role model who has demonstrated courage and sacrifice
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### Formative Assessments

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### Summative Assessments

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- Visual project, such as a poster or infographic, that illustrates a scene from the book where a character shows courage or makes a sacrifice

### Evaluation Criteria

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- Understanding of the themes of courage and sacrifice
- Ability to analyze and interpret literary texts
- Effective communication and presentation skills

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### Final Thoughts

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This lesson plan is designed to help students understand and apply the themes of courage and sacrifice in "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe". By analyzing the characters and themes, participating in creative activities, and applying moral principles to real-life scenarios, students will develop a deeper understanding of the importance of courage and sacrifice in their own lives.