

Week 2 - English 1. Planning a fable.

WALT: Identify the main features of a fable.

WALT: justify my choice using reasoning.

Fables

Task: Read through the fables considering what the moral might be.
Select the moral for each fable and explain your choices.

Moral choices: select one for each fable.

- Too much greed results in nothing.
- Beware of flattery.
- appearances are deceptive
- Do not envy the gifts of others, make the most of your own.
- One good turn deserves another.

The Ant and the Dove

An Ant went to the bank of a river to quench its thirst, and being carried away by the rush of the stream, was on the point of drowning. A Dove sitting on a tree overhanging the water plucked a leaf and let it fall into the stream close to her. The Ant climbed onto it and floated in safety to the bank. Shortly afterwards a bird catcher came and stood under the tree, and laid his lime-twigs (which were used to catch birds) for the Dove, which sat in the branches. The Ant, understanding his use, stung him in the foot. In pain the bird catcher threw down the twigs, and the noise made the Dove take wing.

Moral:

Reasoning:

The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

A Wolf found great difficulty in hunting the sheep because of the shepherd and his dogs. But one day it found the skin of a sheep that had sheared, so it put it on over its own coat and strolled down among the sheep. A sheep began to follow the Wolf in the Sheep's clothing; so, leading it a little away from the rest of the other sheep, he soon made a meal off her, and for some time he succeeded in deceiving the sheep, and enjoying hearty meals.

Moral:

Reasoning:

The Fox and the Crow

A fox was walking through the forest when he saw a crow sitting on a tree branch with a fine piece of cheese in her beak. The fox wanted the cheese and decided he would be clever enough to outwit the bird.

"What a noble and gracious bird I see in the tree!" proclaimed the fox, "What exquisite beauty! What fair plumage! If her voice is as lovely as her beauty, she would no doubt be the jewel of all birds."

The crow was so flattered by all this talk that she opened her beak and gave a cry to show the fox her voice.

"Caw! Caw!" she cried, as the cheese dropped to the ground for the fox to grab.

Moral:

Reasoning:

The Peacock's Complaint

A peacock was very unhappy with his ugly voice, and he spent most of his days complaining about it.

"It is true that you cannot sing," said the fox, "But look how beautiful you are!"

"Oh, but what good is all this beauty," moaned the disheartened bird, "with such an unpleasant voice!"

"Oh hear," said the fox, "Each one has its special gift. You have such beauty, the nightingale has his song, the owl has his eyes, and the eagle his strength. Even if you had a eloquent voice, you would still complain about another thing."

Moral:

Reasoning:

The Goose That Laid the Golden Egg

A man and his wife owned a very special goose. Every day the goose would lay a golden egg, which made the couple very rich.

"Just think," said the man's wife, "If we could have all the golden eggs that are inside the goose, we could be richer much faster."

"You're right," said her husband, "We wouldn't have to wait for the goose to lay her egg every day."

So, the couple killed the goose and cut her open, only to find that she was just like every other goose. She had no golden eggs inside of her at all, and they had no more golden eggs.

Moral:

Reasoning