

## The Little Red Hen | Lesson Plan

What does the story of *The Little Red Hen* teach about hard work and responsibility?

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Students will understand the importance of hard work, self-reliance, and teamwork.

### Learning Objectives:

- Explain the qualities of hard work and self-reliance.
- Recall key facts about the story, including details about the characters and vocabulary.
- Identify the difference between working together and independently.
- Engage in activities and discussions reinforcing the values of hard work, self-reliance, and teamwork.

### Key Vocabulary:

- **Responsibility:** Duty to complete a task, implying accountability.
- **Hard Work:** Labor requiring significant effort or diligence.
- **Self-Reliance:** Dependence on one's own abilities and decisions.
- **Independent:** Operating or working without others' help.
- **Teamwork:** Collaborative effort to achieve a common goal.
- **Mill:** Facility where grain is processed into flour.

**Educational Standards:** CCRA.R.7, CCRA.SL.1, CCRA.SL.2, CCRA.L.4

**Academic Topics:** Life Lessons, Hard Work, Self-Reliance

### What You'll Need

- Video: *Otto's Tales: The Little Red Hen* (Watch [Here](#))
- Worksheet: *Otto's Tales: The Little Red Hen* (Click [Here](#))
- A box of crayons
- Colored pencils, crayons, or markers

### Lesson Plan (45 mins.)

Warm-Up: (15 mins.)

1. Begin the class by scattering a box of crayons on the floor. Ask students to help you clean up the crayons. Pick up the crayons with your students and put them back into the box. Then, thank the students for their help. Ask them the following questions:
  - Is it easier to clean up alone or with help?
  - When is teamwork better?
  - When is it better to be self-reliant?
  - What does it mean to be responsible?



2. Make a list with students of five things they can do by themselves (independently) and a list of five things that require the help of others (teamwork).
3. Introduce the concepts of hard work, self-reliance, and responsibility.
4. Ask the enduring question of the day: What does the story of *The Little Red Hen* teach us about hard work and responsibility? Encourage students to think about this as they watch the video.

#### Watch and Discuss: (15 mins.)

1. Play the video *Otto's Tales: The Little Red Hen* for the students.
2. Pause at key moments to ask questions and check for understanding of vocabulary words and objectives from the lesson.
3. After the video, ask students questions to gauge comprehension.
  - What did the Little Red Hen ask her friends for?
  - Why did her friends refuse to help her?
  - What did the Little Red Hen do when nobody offered to help her?
  - At the end of the story, the Little Red Hen asks her friends who would like to eat the bread. How do they respond?
  - Have you ever asked someone for help before? How did they respond?

#### Wrap-Up: (15 mins.)

1. Give each student a copy of the *Otto's Tales: The Little Red Hen Worksheet*. Help students to read through the prompts on the page.
2. Explain that students will walk around the classroom and find classmates who have done one of the items on the page. Instruct them to write their name in that square when they find someone.
3. Give students several minutes to find friends who have done one of the tasks listed, then reconvene as a class.
4. Ask students to look at their pages and notice the variety of names across the different squares. Discuss what they learned about their classmates. Emphasize that there are times when being helpful is important and when being self-reliant is important. Ask students to consider some of the activities to lend to such times.
5. Close with a final discussion, asking students what they learned through this lesson.

### **Don't have time for the full lesson? Quick Activity (15 mins.)**

Watch the video as a class and initiate a discussion about teamwork, responsibility, and self-reliance.