

# Lesson Plan

Date:

Grade:  
Elementary

Subject:  
English / Language Arts

Lesson Topic: Storytelling & Identity: The Tale of Tu'er Shen

Learning Objective/s:

Students will explore the myth of Tu'er Shen, the Rabbit God, and discuss themes of love, identity, and acceptance. They will then create their own short stories based on personal values.



Materials Needed:

- *Queer Mythology: Epic Legends from Around the World* by Guido A. Sanchez (2024) excerpt on Tu'er Shen.
- Whiteboard and markers.
- Paper and colored pencils.



Hook/intro:

- Ask students what they know about myths and gods.
- Introduce the story of Tu'er Shen and why he is important.



Lesson structure:

- Read-Aloud & Discussion (15 min):
  - Read the Tu'er Shen story aloud or have students read it in pairs.
  - Discuss:
    - How does Tu'er Shen protect people? Why do myths often feature protectors?
- Creative Activity (20 min):
  - Students create their own "Guardian of Love" character and draw them.
  - Write a short paragraph about how their character protects people.
- Sharing & Reflection (15 min):
  - Students share their work in small groups.
  - Discuss:
    - How stories help people feel seen and accepted.

Closure:

- Why do you think myths like Tu'er Shen's continue to be told across generations? How do stories help us understand and shape the way we treat others in our own communities?



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