

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will understand the basic concepts of teamwork, strategy, and problem-solving as demonstrated in the show "Leverage." They will also learn how to apply these concepts in real-life situations and develop their critical thinking skills.

Materials and Prep

- Notebook and pen for note-taking
- Access to a device (computer, tablet, etc.) for watching clips from "Leverage"
- Whiteboard or large paper for brainstorming
- Timer for activities
- Basic understanding of the show's premise and characters

Activities

1. Character Analysis:

Watch a selected episode or clip from "Leverage" and choose a character to analyze. Write down their strengths, weaknesses, and how they contribute to the team's success. Discuss how these traits can be applied in real life.

2. Team Strategy Game:

Divide into teams (if possible) and create a mini heist scenario. Each team must come up with a strategy to "steal" a designated item using teamwork and creative problem-solving. Present the plan to each other.

3. Real-Life Application:

Discuss how the strategies used in "Leverage" can apply to everyday situations like school projects or sports. Create a list of situations where teamwork and strategy are essential.

4. Creative Writing:

Write a short story or script where the student creates their own "Leverage" team. Include character backgrounds, their unique skills, and a mission they must accomplish together.

Talking Points

- "In 'Leverage,' teamwork is essential. How do you think the characters' different skills help them succeed?"
- "Think about a time you worked in a team. What roles did people take on, and how did it affect the outcome?"
- "Strategy is about planning ahead. Why is it important to anticipate obstacles before they happen?"
- "Every character has unique strengths. What strengths do you think are most valuable in real-life situations?"
- "Creative problem-solving is key in 'Leverage.' Can you think of a creative solution to a problem you faced?"