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Case Study 1: Gary

Grade Level: High School

Duration: 30 Minutes

Focus: Personal Responsibility, Attitude, and Professional Growth

Craftsman's Code Tie-In: "The World Needs Me"

Learning Targets

- I can identify how habits and attitudes (like punctuality, humility, and coachability) affect success.
- I can reflect on the consequences of my actions and create a plan to grow in responsibility and professionalism.

Opening Prompt

"Think of a time when someone had the skills to succeed but struggled because of their attitude or choices. What happened?"
Invite 2–3 quick student responses. Emphasize that attitude can limit even the most talented people.

Read Case Study: Part One

Students take turns reading aloud Gary's story from their workbook or display it on screen. Pause briefly after each paragraph to check comprehension or highlight red flags.

Discussion #1

Use questions 1–4 from the worksheet:

- What are 5 positive and 5 negative traits?
- What choices is Gary facing?
- What could he do differently?

Encourage short responses on the whiteboard.

Read 'The Rest of the Story'

- Build suspense: "Do you think Gary turned it around?"
- Then read the continuation aloud (or have a student do it).

Discussion #2

Worksheet Questions 5–7:

- Why couldn't Gary sustain change?
- What did he learn?
- How does this connect to 'The World Needs Me'?

Facilitate a brief discussion on the difference between knowing your value and acting like it.

Reflection & Closing

Journal Prompt:

"Have you ever been given a second chance? What did you do with it? What can you learn from Gary's story about consistency and character?"

Let students write a short journal response. Invite 1–2 volunteers to share.

Closing Quote: "Gary's story shows us that talent isn't enough. It's what you do consistently that defines you."