

Writing with Literature in Mind

This activity accompanies chapter 2 from *The Heart of Happy Hollow* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 4954.

Activity Title: Writing with Literature in Mind

Description: The students will write a short story about a time someone surprised them, similar to what happened with the main character of the story.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will make a text-to-self connection about the story.

Materials:

- *The Heart of Happy Hollow, Two: One Christmas at Shiloh*, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencils

Procedures:

Read the second chapter of *The Heart of Happy Hollow* or have the students read it on their own. Discuss with the students the events in the story. Have them talk with a partner about how Martha must have felt when she found out that her husband, Madison Mixon, was the reverend who she was preparing to host. Next, have the students write about a time when someone surprised them. Have the students share their stories with a partner.

