

## Favorite Places

This activity accompanies “From the Porch at Runnymede,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5367.

**Activity Title:** Favorite Places

**Description:** The students will write a poem about their favorite place.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Writing

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will write a poem about his or her favorite place.

**Materials:**

- “From the Porch at Runnymede” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Colored pencils, crayons, markers, etc.

**Procedures:**

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Discuss with the students the main idea of the poem. Then, have the students think about their favorite place. For example, a city, neighborhood, house, etc. Next, have the students write a poem about their favorite place; also, have them include an illustration if there is time. When the students have finished writing, have them share their poems in small groups.

