

## **The Good Ol' Days**

This activity accompanies “The Old Homestead,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5378.

**Activity Title:** The Good Ol' Days

**Description:** The students will write a poem about a memorable place from their past.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Writing

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will write a poem with a similar theme as the author.

**Materials:**

- “The Old Homestead” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil

**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 work individually to write a poem about a memorable place from their past. When the students have finished writing, have them share their poems in small groups.