

## Then and Now

This activity accompanies “A Boy’s Summer Song,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5289.

**Activity Title:** Then and Now

**Description:** The students will compare and contrast the free time of children of the past with children nowadays.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts and Social Studies

**Skill:** American History and Compare and Contrast

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will compare and contrast the free time of children in the past with children nowadays.

**Materials:**

- “A Boy’s Summer Song” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Venn diagram (below)

**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 with a partner to fill in the Venn diagram below, comparing and contrasting the free time of children in the past with children’s free time nowadays. When the students are finished, have a class discussion reviewing their answers.



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## Venn Diagram

Children of the Past

Children Nowadays

