

Playing Hooky

This activity accompanies “Wadin’ In De Crick,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5300.

Activity Title: Playing Hooky

Description: The students will write a poem about playing hooky.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write a poem about playing hooky.

Materials:

- “Wadin’ In De Crick” 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 listen to it on the Lit2Go website (website link listed above). Discuss with the students the main idea and dialect of the poem. Then, have the students brainstorm about what they would do if they could play hooky from school for a day. With their brainstorm ideas, have the students write a poem about what they would do while playing hooky from school. When the students are finished, have them share their poems in small groups.

