

Point of View

This activity accompanies “Curiosity,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5306.

Activity Title: Point of View

Description: The students will work in a small group to write a poem in the point of view of Mammy.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing and Point of View

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write a poem in the point of view of Mammy.

Materials:

- “Curiosity” 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, divide the students into small groups. Have the groups work together to write a poem in the point of view of Mammy. When the groups have finished writing, have them share their poems with the rest of the class.

