

The Skit

This activity accompanies “After the Quarrel,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5010.

Activity Title: The Skit

Description: The students will write the other side of the quarrel in a poem, and then perform a skit of the aftermath of the quarrel.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing and Communication

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will analyze the rhyme scheme of the poem and write a poem with a similar rhyme scheme.
- The students will perform a skit along with other students.

Materials:

- “After the Quarrel” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencils

Procedures:

Read the poem with the class, or have the students read it on their own. Explain to the students what a rhyme scheme is in a poem. Next, have the students analyze the poem for the rhyme scheme; review their answers as a class once everyone has finished. Then, have the students work in small groups to write their own “After the Quarrel” poem, in the point of view of the friend. Finally, have the students perform both poems in a skit format in front of the class.

