

The Lark

This activity accompanies “The Meadow Lark,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5056.

Activity Title: The Lark

Description: The students will infer how the poet feels about the meadow lark by using evidence from the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Inferences

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will infer how the poet feels about the lark, by using evidence from the poem.

Materials:

- “The Meadow Lark” 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 in small groups to write inferences about how the poet feels about the meadow lark. Some guiding questions would be how do you know how the poet feels? and what evidence from the poem supports this? When the students are finished, have them participate in a whole class discussion about how the poet feels about the meadow lark.

