

Dramatic Reading

This activity accompanies “A Lost Dream,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5363.

Activity Title: Dramatic Reading

Description: The students will practice and perform a dramatic reading of part of the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts and Arts: Theatre

Skill: Reading Process and Theatre Applications

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will practice and perform a dramatic reading of part of the poem.

Materials:

- “A Lost Dream” 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, divide the students into groups of four, and assign each group member three stanzas of the poem. Next, allow the students time to practice dramatically reading their portion of the poem. Also, have the groups practice reading the poem in its entirety. When the students have had enough time to practice, have each group present their dramatic reading in front of the class.

