

Bohemian Style

This activity accompanies “The Bohemian,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5081.

Activity Title: Bohemian Style

Description: The students will design an article of bohemian apparel using information from the poem and research from class.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts and Visual Art

Skill: Writing and Art Application

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will design bohemian apparel using information from the poem and research from a class discussion.

Materials:

- “The Bohemian” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Internet access to Bohemian/Aesthetics Fashion information: <http://www.fashion-era.com/aesthetics.htm>
- Blank white paper
- Colored pencils, crayons, markers, etc.

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Discuss with the students what a bohemian is, and then view the website listed above for some examples of how they dress. Next, have the students work with a partner to design an article of bohemian clothing. When they are finished, have them write a short report describing the features of their clothing and how it features bohemian style. If there is time, have the students present their articles of clothing to the class.

