

Cause and Effect

This activity accompanies “Fishing,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5201.

Activity Title: Cause and Effect

Description: The students will work with a partner to identify cause and effect in the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Cause and Effect

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will work with a partner to identify cause and effect in the poem.

Materials:

- “Fishing” 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 above). Discuss with the students the main idea and dialect of the poem. Then, have the students work with a partner to write any causes and effects they can identify in the poem. When the students are finished, have them share what they found in a class discussion.

