

Mystery Poems

This activity accompanies “The Phantom Kiss,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5116.

Activity Title: Mystery Poems

Description: The students will write a mystery poem, as Dunbar does in “The Phantom Kiss.”

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write a mystery poem, as Dunbar does in his poem.

Materials:

- “The Phantom Kiss” 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 write their own mystery poems. When the students are finished writing, have them share their poems in small groups. While sharing, have the listeners in the group try and figure out the mystery of the poem.

