

Fancy Ball Invitations

This activity accompanies “De Critters’ Dance,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5215.

Activity Title: Fancy Ball Invitations

Description: The students will create an invitation to the Fancy Ball using details from the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Reading Comprehension

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will create Fancy Ball invitations, using details from the poem.

Materials:

- “De Critters’ Dance” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Construction Paper
- Markers, colored pencils, crayons, etc.

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 individually to create a Fancy Ball invitation, using the details from the poem. Have them include illustrations of some of the critters who are invited. When the students have finished, have them share their invitations in small groups.

