

Questions

This activity accompanies “A Spiritual,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5234.

Activity Title: Questions

Description: The students will write questions they have about the poem, and then discuss them in small groups.

Subject: Reading and Language Arts

Skill: Reading Comprehension

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write questions he or she has about the poem, and then discuss them in small groups

Materials:

- “A Spiritual” 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 listed above). Discuss with the students the main idea and dialect of the poem. Then, have the students write out any questions they have about the poem, vocabulary, comprehension, or any others. Next, have the students work in small groups to discuss the questions they wrote about the poem. When the students are finished, review some of the questions and answers that were discussed in the small groups.

