

## How Do You Prefer to Fall Asleep?

This activity accompanies “Noddin’ By De Fire,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5245.

**Activity Title:** How Do You Prefer to Fall Asleep?

**Description:** The students will write a poem about how they prefer to fall asleep, as the author of the poem does.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Writing

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will write a poem about how he or she prefers to fall asleep.

**Materials:**

- “Noddin’ By De Fire” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Colored pencils, markers, crayons, etc.

**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 work individually to write a poem about how they prefer to fall asleep. When the students are finished writing, have them illustrate their poem, and then share it with a partner.

