

Writing Philosophies

This activity accompanies “Philosophy,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5265.

Activity Title: Writing Philosophies

Description: The students will write their own poems about a philosophy they have.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write his or her own poem about a philosophy.

Materials:

- “Philosophy” 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 work individually to write a poem about a philosophy they have heard or that they believe is true. When the students are finished writing, have them share their poem with a partner.

