

Newspaper Article Writing

This activity accompanies chapter 7 from *The Heart of Happy Hollow* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 4958.

Activity Title: Newspaper Article Writing

Description: The students will write a newspaper article about one of their classmate's good deeds.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write and publish a newspaper article.

Materials:

- *The Heart of Happy Hollow, Seven: A Defender of the Faith*, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Internet access (for publishing stories)

Procedures:

Read the seventh chapter of *The Heart of Happy Hollow* or have the students read it on their own. In this chapter the newspaper reporter helps a family renew their beliefs. Discuss with the students the kind actions of the woman in the story, and the importance of being a good citizen in and out of school. Have the students work in pairs to interview each other about a good deed or kind action they have done. Next, have the students write a newspaper article about their partner, including the details about their good deed. Finally, have the students publish their work, either by putting together a book of articles by hand, or using the following website:

<http://interactives.mped.org/ppress110.aspx>

