

## A Story's Time Period

This activity accompanies chapter 15 from *The Heart of Happy Hollow* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 4966.

**Activity Title:** A Story's Time Period

**Description:** The students will look at the values and themes in the story and how they reflect the time period when the story was written.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Literary Analysis

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will explain how ideas, values, and themes of the story reflect the historical period in which it was written.

**Materials:**

- *The Heart of Happy Hollow, Fifteen: The Home-coming of 'Rastus Smith*, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencils

**Procedures:**

Read the fifteenth chapter of *The Heart of Happy Hollow* or have the students read it on their own. Discuss with the students the time period in which this story was written. Have the students work with a partner to analyze the story for values, themes, and other literary elements that reflect the time period in which the story was written. When the students have finished working, have a whole class discussion reviewing their answers.

