

Act it Out

This activity accompanies “The Capture,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5365.

Activity Title: Act it Out

Description: The students will work in small groups to develop a skit for the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts and Arts: Theatre

Skill: Reading Comprehension and Theatre Applications

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will develop and perform a skit for the poem.

Materials:

- “The Capture” 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, divide the students into groups of four. For each group, assign the students the following parts: the duck, Miss Lady, the man hunting, and a narrator to dramatically read the poem as the others act. Allow the students time to create and practice their skits. Finally, have each group present their skits in front of the class.

