

Our Talents

This activity accompanies “Equipment,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5368.

Activity Title: Our Talents

Description: The students will write about a talent they have, and then perform their talent in front of the class.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write about a talent he or she has, and then perform the talent in front of the class.

Materials:

- “Equipment” 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 think about a skill or talent they possess. Next, have the students write a narrative about their skill or talent. When the students have finished writing, have them present their narrative and skill or talent (if possible) in front of the class.

