

## The Miami Indians and Tecumseh

This activity accompanies “To the Miami,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5371.

**Activity Title:** The Miami Indians and Tecumseh

**Description:** The students will research, and then present information on either the Miami Indians or Tecumseh.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts and Social Studies

**Skill:** Reading Comprehension and Research Skills

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will research, and then present information on either the Miami Indians or Tecumseh.

**Materials:**

- “To the Miami” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Internet access to the history of Tecumseh:  
<http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/entry.php?rec=373>
- Internet access to the history of the Miami Indians:  
<http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/entry.php?rec=606>

**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, divide the students into two groups; one group to research the Miami Indians and a second group to research Tecumseh. Allow the students to use the internet to visit the websites listed above to research information. When the students have finished researching, have them write a report on their topic, and also have them include how their topic ties into the poem. Finally, have the two groups present their report to the class.

