

Daphne

This activity accompanies “A Career,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5381.

Activity Title: Daphne

Description: The students will work in a small group to explain how the mythological character Daphne impacts the meaning of the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Literary Analysis

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will explain how the mythological character Daphne impacts the meaning of the poem.

Materials:

- “A Career” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Internet access to information about Daphne available at: <http://www.pantheon.org/articles/d/daphne.html>

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, visit the website link listed above, about Daphne, and read the story to the students. Next, have the students work in small groups to write an explanation for how the story of Daphne impacts the meaning of the poem. Also, have the students consider the meaning of the poem if the story of Daphne was unknown to the reader. When the students have finished working, have a whole class discussion reviewing their answers.

