

Cause and Effect

This activity accompanies “Encouraged,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5296.

Activity Title: Cause and Effect

Description: The students will write the cause and effect found in the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Cause and Effect

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will identify and write the cause and effect found in the poem.

Materials:

- “Encouraged” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Cause and Effect template (below)

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. Next, explain to the students how to find cause and effect. Then, have the students complete the cause and effect template (below). When the students are finished, review their answers in a whole class discussion.



NAME _____

DATE _____

Cause and Effect for “Encouraged”

Directions: Circle the cause and underline the effect.

Because you love me I have much achieved,
Had you despised me then I must have failed,
But since I knew you trusted and believed,
I could not disappoint you and so prevailed.

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