

## Civil War Quilt

This activity accompanies “The Quilting,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5301.

**Activity Title:** Civil War Quilt

**Description:** The students will create a quilt square about an event or person from the Civil War period.

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

**Skill:** American History and Writing

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will create a quilt square about an event or person from the Civil War.

**Materials:**

- “The Quilting” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Construction paper (cut into quilt squares)
- Colored pencils, markers, crayons, etc.
- Scissor, glue, and additional art supplies
- Internet access to information about the Civil War available at:
  - <http://www.civil-war.net/>
  - <http://www.civilwar.com/>
  - <http://www.americancivilwar.com/>
  - <http://www.history.com/content/civilwar/major-events-of-the-civil-war/the-secession-crisis>
  - <http://www.pbs.org/civilwar/>

**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, explain to the students that they will be choosing an event or person from the Civil War period to use for creating a quilt square. Have the students research their event or person using books or the internet (some suggested websites listed above). With their research, have the students create a drawing, poem, biography, or any other creative representation of their topic on their quilt square. When the students are finished creating their quilt square, hang them on a bulletin board side by side to create a classroom quilt.

