

My Motto

This activity accompanies “Keep A-Pluggin’ Away,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5015.

Activity Title: My Motto

Description: The students will write a poem or song about their favorite motto.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write a poem or song about their favorite motto, and present it to the class.

Materials:

- “Keep A-Pluggin’ Away” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencils

Procedures:

Read the poem with the class, or have the students read it on their own. Discuss with the students the main idea of the poem. Next, have the students write a poem or song about their favorite motto. Also, have the students write a reason why it is their favorite motto (it got them through a hard time, their parents use it, etc.). Finally, have the students present their poem or song to the class, along with the reason why that is their favorite motto.

