

Wordle

This activity accompanies “The Dilettante: A Modern Type,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5045.

Activity Title: Wordle

Description: The students will write a poem about something that they are an amateur at, such as cooking, playing a sport, or art.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write a poem about something that they are an amateur at; such as cooking, playing a sport, or art.

Materials:

- “The Dilettante: A Modern Type” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencils
- Access to the following websites:
 - http://www.wordle.net/gallery/wrdl/531784/Twinkle%2C_Twinkle%2C_Little_Star
 - <http://www.wordle.net/>

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, have the students write their own poems about something that they are an amateur at, such as cooking, ballet, playing a sport, etc. Then, visit the first link listed above to show the students an example of a Wordle (the example is “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star”). Finally, have the students visit the second website to create their own Wordle, using the words from their poem.

