

Illustrate the Poem

This activity accompanies “A Lazy Day,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5319.

Activity Title: Illustrate the Poem

Description: The students will illustrate the poem, using the author’s descriptive language as a guide.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Reading Comprehension

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will illustrate the poem, using the author’s descriptive language as a guide.

Materials:

- “A Lazy Day” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil

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 using the descriptive language in the poem to create an illustration. Their illustrations should include nearly all of the details of the poem. When the students have finished working, have them share their illustrations in small groups. Finally, hang the illustrations on one wall as a collage.

