

## Draw the Setting

This activity accompanies “By the Stream,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5022.

**Activity Title:** Draw the Setting

**Description:** The students will draw a picture of the setting for the poem and use details from the text, to label their drawing.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Reading comprehension

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will show reading comprehension by drawing a picture of the setting of the poem and by using textual support when labeling his or her drawing.

**Materials:**

- “By the Stream” poem, copies for the students, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencils
- Plain paper, colored pencils, markers etc.

**Procedures:**

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Discuss with the students the main idea and setting of the poem. Have the students close their eyes and visualize the setting while you read the poem for a second time. Next, hand out copies of the poem to each student, and have the students draw a picture of the setting described in the poem. Finally, have the students label their drawings with quotes from the poem.

