

Observing Fairies

This activity accompanies “The Discovery,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5324.

Activity Title: Observing Fairies

Description: The students will write a story about what they observe, using the author’s point of view and information from the poem to guide their writing.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write a story from the author’s point of view.

Materials:

- “The Discovery” 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, have the students work individually to write a story in the point of view of the author. Have the students include details about what the author observed on his night discovering fairy folk. Encourage the students to use details from the poem, and elaborate using their own ideas as well. When the students have finished writing, have them share their stories with a partner.

