

Dear Abby

This activity accompanies “Discovered,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5035.

Activity Title: Dear Abby

Description: The students will work with a partner to write a pretend “Dear Abby” letter.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing and Reading Comprehension

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will work with a partner to write a pretend “Dear Abby” letter.

Materials:

- “Discovered” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencils
- A “Dear Abby” letter example

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, show the students a “Dear Abby” letter example. Then, tell them that they will work with a partner to write a pretend “Dear Abby” letter using the problem found in the poem. Also, have the partners come up with a reply from Abby in response to the letter.

