

Line by Line

This activity accompanies “Invitation to Love,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5037.

Activity Title: Line by Line

Description: The students will work individually to illustrate a line of the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts and Visual Arts

Skill: Reading Comprehension and Visual Art Communication

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will use reading comprehension skills to illustrate a line of the poem.

Materials:

- “Invitation to Love” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencils
- Blank white paper
- Crayons, 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 of the poem. Next, have the students work individually to illustrate a line in the poem (number the students, and then assign them that line of the poem). Somewhere on their illustration, have the students write the words of their line of their poem. Then, hang the illustrations, in order, across the room.

