

Journal of the Future

This activity accompanies “He Had His Dream,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5038.

Activity Title: Journal of the Future

Description: The students will write fictional journal entries about fulfilling a dream they have.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write fictional journal entries.

Materials:

- “He Had His Dream” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencils

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, ask the students to think about a dream they have (somewhere they wish to visit, something they want to do, a future career, etc.). Then, have the students use their dream to write fictional journal entries based on fulfilling their dream. Have them include how they feel, how they accomplished their dream, and details about what they experienced.

