

Unusual Narrative

This activity accompanies “Good-Night,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5039.

Activity Title: Unusual Narrative

Description: The students will write a poem in the point of view of morning or night.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write a poem in a specific point of view.

Materials:

- “Good-Night” 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 how the poem describes things that happen at night time (“the lark is silent,” “sweet dreams attend thee in thy sleep,” etc.). Next, have the students write a poem in the point of view of morning or night. Have the students include the characteristics of morning, or night, and descriptive details about what makes them special.

