

The Story of Dawn

This activity accompanies “Dawn,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5046.

Activity Title: The Story of Dawn

Description: The students will work with a partner to write a poem about how something in nature came to be.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will work with a partner to write a poem.

Materials:

- “Dawn” 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. Make sure to mention to the students that Dunbar has written this poem to show how Dawn came to be named as such. Next, have the students work with a partner to write a poem about how something else in nature came to be. For example, rainbows, twilight, sunsets, thunder, etc. Finally, have the students share their poems with the class.

