

Preparation List

This activity accompanies “Preparation,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5050.

Activity Title: Preparation List

Description: The students will write a list of preparations for a task of their choice.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write a list of preparations for a task.

Materials:

- “Preparation” 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, have the students think of a task that they could write a list of preparations that would be needed before completing the task. For example, the students can write out a recipe, how to ride a bike, etc. Then, have the students write their list of preparations. When they are finished, have them share what they wrote with a partner.

