

What Time is it?

This activity accompanies “Signs of the Times,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5065.

Activity Title: What Time is it?

Description: The students will predict what the poem is about, listening to one stanza at a time.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Predictions

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will predict what the poem is about after hearing one stanza at a time.

Materials:

- “Signs of the Times” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Prediction sheet (below)

Procedures:

Hand out the prediction sheets to the students. Then, read the first stanza of the poem and have the students fill out the first section of the prediction sheet. Next, read the second stanza of the poem, and have the students fill out the second section of the prediction sheet. Continue reading the poem, and having the students fill in the prediction sheet until the poem is finished. After the entire poem has been read, discuss the students’ answers on their prediction sheets.



NAME _____

DATE _____

Prediction Sheet

Stanza 1-

What do you think the poem is about? _____

What did you hear in the poem that made you think that? _____

Stanza 2-

What do you think the poem is about? _____

What did you hear in the poem that made you think that? _____

Stanza 3-

What do you think the poem is about? _____

What did you hear in the poem that made you think that? _____

Stanza 4-

What do you think the poem is about? _____

What did you hear in the poem that made you think that? _____

Stanza 5-

What do you think the poem is about? _____

What did you hear in the poem that made you think that? _____

