

Illustrate the Poem

This activity accompanies “Rain Songs,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5362.

Activity Title: Illustrate the Poem

Description: The students will create an illustration of the poem by using the descriptive language as a guide.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts and Visual Arts

Skill: Reading Comprehension and Art Applications

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will create an illustration of the poem by using the descriptive language of the poem.

Materials:

- “Rain Songs” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Colored pencils, markers, crayons, etc.

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. Then, have the students work individually to illustrate the poem by using the descriptive language as a guide. When the students have finished their illustrations, have them share the illustrations in small groups.