

Using the Sense

This activity accompanies “The Mystic Sea,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5079.

Activity Title: Using the Senses

Description: The students will write a poem using the five senses to describe something of their choice.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write a poem using the five senses to describe their topic.

Materials:

- “The Mystic Sea” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Discuss with the students Dunbar’s use of the five senses to describe the sea. Then, have the students work individually to write their own poem, on a topic of their choice, using the five senses to describe their topic.

