

Create and Perform a Soliloquy

This activity accompanies “Soliloquy of a Turkey,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5200.

Activity Title: Create and Perform a Soliloquy

Description: The students will write a soliloquy, and then perform it in front of the class.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts and Arts: Theatre

Skill: Writing and Theatre Applications

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write a soliloquy, and then perform it in front of the class.

Materials:

- “Soliloquy of a Turkey” 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 listen to it on the Lit2Go website (website link above). Discuss with the students the main idea and dialect of the poem. Then, describe to the students the characteristics of a soliloquy, referring back to the poem when necessary. Next, have the students work individually to write a soliloquy of themselves, or any animal or object of their choosing. When the students are finished, allow them time to practice reading their soliloquies. Finally, have the students perform their soliloquies in front of the class.

