

Learning About Lincoln

This activity accompanies “Lincoln,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5217.

Activity Title: Learning About Lincoln

Description: The students will research various stories about Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War period, and then they will share what they have learned with the class.

Subject: Reading and Language/Arts and Social Studies

Skill: American History and Research Process

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will research various stories about Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War period, and then share what they learned with the class.

Materials:

- “Lincoln” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Internet access to information about Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War:
 - <http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/jb/civil>

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, visit the website listed above with the students. Read the first page with the students. Next, show them the ‘More Stories about The Civil War’ heading. Have each student choose a different story link (or have them work with a partner) to read and take notes. Inform the students that they will be presenting the information they have found on their story page to the class. When the students are finished researching, have them present their information to the class.

