

Ike's Response

This activity accompanies "Encouragement," from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5218.

Activity Title: Ike's Response

Description: The students will work with a partner to write a poem about how Ike would respond to the author.

Subject: Reading and Language/Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write a poem about how Ike would respond to the author.

Materials:

- "Encouragement" 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, have the students work with a partner to write a poem in Ike's point of view, responding to the author's poem. When the students are finished, have them share their poems with another set of partners.

