

## Where's Italy?

This activity accompanies “To a Lady Playing the Harp,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5130.

**Activity Title:** Where's Italy?

**Description:** The students will locate Italy and Venice on a map, and then name and locate other cities in Italy.

**Subject:** Social Studies

**Skill:** Map Skills

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will use a map to locate Italy, Venice, and other cities in Italy.

**Materials:**

- “To a Lady Playing the Harp” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Italy city finder template (below)
- World maps or internet access to electronic maps
- Internet access to websites about Italy:  
<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/Places/Find/Italy> and  
<http://maps.nationalgeographic.com/map-machine#s=r&c=41.87165047026817,%2012.517909705638878&z=5>

**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, and how Dunbar mentions a gondolier and the Venetian stream in his poem. Next, explore with the students the websites above. The first link contains information about Italy, and the second link is an electronic map. Then, have the students work with a partner to locate and name five other cities in Italy (template below). Once the students have finished, create a class list of Italian cities.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### Italian Cities

Directions: Locate five cities in Italy. For each city use cardinal directions (N, S, E, W) to describe where the city is in relation to Rome, Italy's capital.

City 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Where City 1 is in relation to Rome: \_\_\_\_\_

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City 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Where City 2 is in relation to Rome: \_\_\_\_\_

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City 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Where City 3 is in relation to Rome: \_\_\_\_\_

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City 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Where City 4 is in relation to Rome: \_\_\_\_\_

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City 5: \_\_\_\_\_

Where City 5 is in relation to Rome: \_\_\_\_\_

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