

Plantation versus the City

This activity accompanies “To the Eastern Shore,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5249.

Activity Title: Plantation versus the City

Description: The students will compare and contrast the plantation to the city, using textual support from the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Compare and Contrast

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will compare and contrast the plantation to the city, using textual support from the poem.

Materials:

- “To the Eastern Shore” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Venn diagram (below)

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them listen to it on the Lit2Go website (website link listed above). Discuss with the students the main idea and dialect of the poem. Then, have the students work with a partner to compare and contrast the plantation life to the city life, using textual support from the poem and the Venn diagram (below).



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Venn Diagram "To the Eastern Shore"

