

## Poems about August

This activity accompanies “In August,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5150.

**Activity Title:** Poems about August

**Description:** The students will write their own poem about what they enjoy doing in August, using the same rhyme scheme as the poem.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Writing and Rhyme Scheme

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will write a poem about what is enjoyable in August, using the same rhyme scheme as the poem.

**Materials:**

- “In August” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Markers, colored pencils, crayons, etc.

**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 the rhyme scheme in the poem (AAAABBBBCCCCDDDDDEEEEEAAA). Then, have the students write their own poems about August using the same rhyme scheme. When the students are finished, have them illustrate their poems, and share them with a partner.

