

The Lamb's Journey

This activity accompanies "Hymn," from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5155.

Activity Title: The Lamb's Journey

Description: The students will write a narrative in the point of view of the lamb, from the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Reading Comprehension and Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write a story in the point of view of one of the characters in the poem.

Materials:

- "Hymn" 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 read it on their own. Discuss with the students the main idea of the poem. Then, have the students work individually to write a narrative in the point of view of the lamb. Have the students write about their journey wandering around, where they went, what or who they ran into, and finally why they decided to return to the shepherd. When the students are finished, have them share what they wrote in small groups.

Activity Extension:

Have the students draw a map of all the places they visited as the lamb. The students can create a key to define the places they went, as well as listing step by step directions to and from each place they visited.

