

Cause and Effect

This activity accompanies “When Sam’l Sings,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5259.

Activity Title: Cause and Effect

Description: The students will work with a partner to identify cause and effect in the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Cause and Effect

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will identify cause and effect in the poem.

Materials:

- “When Sam’l Sings” 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 listed above). Discuss with the students the main idea and dialect of the poem. Explain to the students how to identify cause and effect. Then, have the students work with a partner to identify all of the cause and effects in the poem they can find. When the students are finished, have them meet in small groups to compare their answers.

