

Dorothy Hall

This activity accompanies “On the Dedication of Dorothy Hall,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5268.

Activity Title: Dorothy Hall

Description: The students will explain the significance of Dorothy Hall.

Subject: Social Studies

Skill: American History

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will explain the significance of Dorothy Hall.

Materials:

- “On the Dedication of Dorothy Hall” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Internet access to information about Dorothy Hall available at:
 - <http://www.tuskegeekelloggcenter.com/history.html>
 - Information about Tuskegee University available at: <http://www.tuskegee.edu/Global/story.asp?S=1070392>

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 in small groups to visit the websites listed above. While visiting the websites, have the students take notes about the significance of Tuskegee University and Dorothy Hall. When the students are finished reading, have a class discussion about why the author may have written the poem.

