

Questions

This activity accompanies “Chrismus Is A-Comin’,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5180.

Activity Title: Questions

Description: The students will write questions they have about the poem, and then discuss their questions in small groups.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Reading Comprehension

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write questions he or she has about the poem, and then discuss the questions.

Materials:

- “Chrismus Is A-Comin’” 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 dialect of the poem. Then, have the students reread the poem a second time. During their second read, have the students write down any questions they have about the main idea of the poem, or questions about the vocabulary in the poem. Next, have the students work in small groups to ask and answer each others questions.

