

Create a Tale

This activity accompanies “A Cabin Tale,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5181.

Activity Title: Create a Tale

Description: The students will write their own fictional story.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write his or her own fictional story.

Materials:

- “A Cabin Tale” 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 above). Discuss with the students the dialect and main idea of the poem. Then, have the students work with a partner to write their own fictional tale, using the same theme as the story told in the poem. When the students are finished, have them illustrate and publish their stories to be put in the classroom library.

