

Author's Purpose

This activity accompanies chapter 11 from *The Souls of Black Folk* by W.E.B. Du Bois, record number 4908.

Activity Title: Author's Purpose

Description: The students will analyze the chapter for author's purpose.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Literary Analysis

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will identify and analyze the author's purpose for writing this chapter.

Materials:

- *The Souls of Black Folk*, chapter 11, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencils

Procedures:

Read the eleventh chapter of *The Souls of Black Folk* or have the students read it on their own. In this chapter Du Bois talks about his son who died as a baby. Have the students analyze the chapter for author's purpose (why did he include this chapter? what themes are presented? etc.) Have them share their answers with a partner.

