

Mrs. Schmidt - English 10
April Is National Poetry Month

Remote Learning Assignment: April 20th - May 1

To Do:

1. Complete 2 more individual Quill assignments (#5 and #6)
2. Learn about and explore Dayton, Ohio native Paul Laurence Dunbar, the first African American poet to earn fame for his writing.
3. This week's assignment will be posted in our Google Classroom <https://classroom.google.com/>
Students know how to log in with their school account which is also accessible on a smart phone.

Students are to complete the tasks below and type their responses in the slides that are posted in Google Classroom.

Several other options to turn in work exist: Students can type their responses to the tasks below in a Google Doc or hand write out their responses on a piece of paper. These alternative means of completing the tasks below can either be uploaded into the assignment in Google Classroom or a picture can be taken of the completed work and sent to my email or uploaded in the assignment in Google Classroom. My email is: eschmidt@fairborn.k12.oh.us

Below are the tasks to be completed:

1. **Journal:** What do you like or dislike about poetry? Explain thoroughly your reasons. Perhaps there was a particular teacher who introduced poetry to you that made you think differently about poetry or maybe there was a poem that you read that you still remember or a poem you wrote that stands out in your mind.... In the space below write at least 5 sentences describing your experiences with poetry so far.

2. [Watch the biography](#) of PLD or [Read this article](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=So2tXW2oS2M&feature=emb_titl

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<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/paul-laurence-dunba>

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3. Make a list of 10 things you learned about Paul Laurence Dunbar.
4. Define these words go to: www.dictionary.com
 1. **Guile** (*noun*) :
 2. **Myriad** (*adjective*):
 3. **Subtleties** (*noun*) :
 4. **Vile** (*adjective*) :
5. Read / Listen to the poem “We Wear The Mask”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b00qwOgFplk>
6. Answer the following Critical Thinking questions in complete sentences.

Based on what you know about Paul Laurence Dunbar and the status of black Americans in the early twentieth century, why does the speaker feel the need to wear a mask?

Think of other situations where people might wear masks (not literal masks). Do you think a person should hide their emotions? Why or why not?

In the context of this poem, how do people overcome adversity? Cite evidence from this text, your own experience, and other literature, art, or history in your answer.

Lastly, are you checking your school gmail account?
Please make sure you are doing so regularly.