

**Lesson:** Comic Strip

**Opening Statement:**

Newspapers and magazines have printed comic strips and cartoons from their early beginnings. A comic usually gives people a humorous way of looking at a situation or telling a story. Today, comic strips are printed in daily as well as Sunday papers and cartoons appear on editorial pages. Use the Sunday comics as an example for this lesson.

**Standards Achieved:**

English Language Arts

Social Studies Skills

**Grade:** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up

**Knowledge Objectives**

Students will learn:

Paul Laurence Dunbar was born in 1872 in Dayton, Ohio.

Paul Laurence Dunbar recited his first poem at Eaker Street A.M.E. Church.

Paul Laurence Dunbar edited the Dayton Tattler, a local newspaper. (It was printed by other Daytonians, the Wright Brothers.)

Paul Laurence Dunbar's first book of poetry was called *Oak and Ivy* and published in 1892.

Paul Laurence Dunbar published other books of poetry and novels.

Paul Laurence Dunbar died in 1906 in his home on Summit Street.

**Skill Objectives:**

Students will learn:

How to draw a comic strip.

**Procedure:**

1. Put the timeline of Paul Laurence Dunbar (from another web link) on the board or reproduce it and distribute it to the students.
2. Help the students to get to know about Paul Lawrence Dunbar.
3. Discuss in-depth the six events in the knowledge objectives.
4. Hold up a copy of the Sunday Comic strip so students can examine it.
5. Discuss what a comic strip is and how the illustrations tell a story.
6. Give each student paper, crayons, pencils, and/or markers.
7. Ask the students to draw their own comic strip of events in Paul Laurence Dunbar's life.
8. Ask the students to create dialogue for their comic strips.
9. Hang the comic strips up for everyone to see after the students have finished.