

Create an Acrostic

Name _____ Grade _____ Date _____

Use the paragraph below from *Bud, Not Buddy* to find out more about Philip Randolph and the Pullman porters. Philip Randolph led the struggle of the Pullman porters to unionize. Read about his life and work in an encyclopedia or other reference book. Complete the acrostic poem by adding more information about him.

Excerpt from *Bud, Not Buddy*:

On the way to Grand Rapids, the police stop Mr. Lewis's car. Bud hides a box of flyers under the seat. The flyers urge Pullman porters to attend a union meeting. The railroad owners are trying to stop the unions.

Philip Randolph was born in Florida
in 1899.

R _____

He worked as a section hand on the
railroad when he was a young man.

A _____

Injustice bothered him.

N _____

Leaving his job, he attended the
College of the City of New York.

D _____

In his student days he organized a
union of elevator operators.

O _____

Philip thought the Pullman porters'
eighty hour work week was unfair.

L _____

P _____

H _____

Famous African American Musicians



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Answer the questions below using evidence from *Bud, Not Buddy* and your research on one of the African American musicians listed in Step 3.

1. Do you think Bud will be a famous musician some day? Why or why not??
2. What do you believe is the most important quality a person must have to become very successful in his or her chosen field?
3. Here are four African American musicians who achieved fame. Read about one of these musicians. What qualities did the person have to enable him or her to be so successful?

Louis Armstrong: He pioneered the style of swing, which later formed the basis for jazz, rhythm and blues. He is one of the most beloved entertainers in the world.

Duke Ellington: He is considered the greatest composer in the history of jazz music and one of the greatest musicians of the twentieth century

Lena Horne: A popular vocalist, she was the first African-American performer to sign a long-term contract with a major motion picture studio.

Stevie Wonder: Blind from the age of four, he was the first to make extensive use of electronic music in African American song.

4. Compare Bud to the person you read about in Step 3. Do you see similar qualities in both? What are they?