

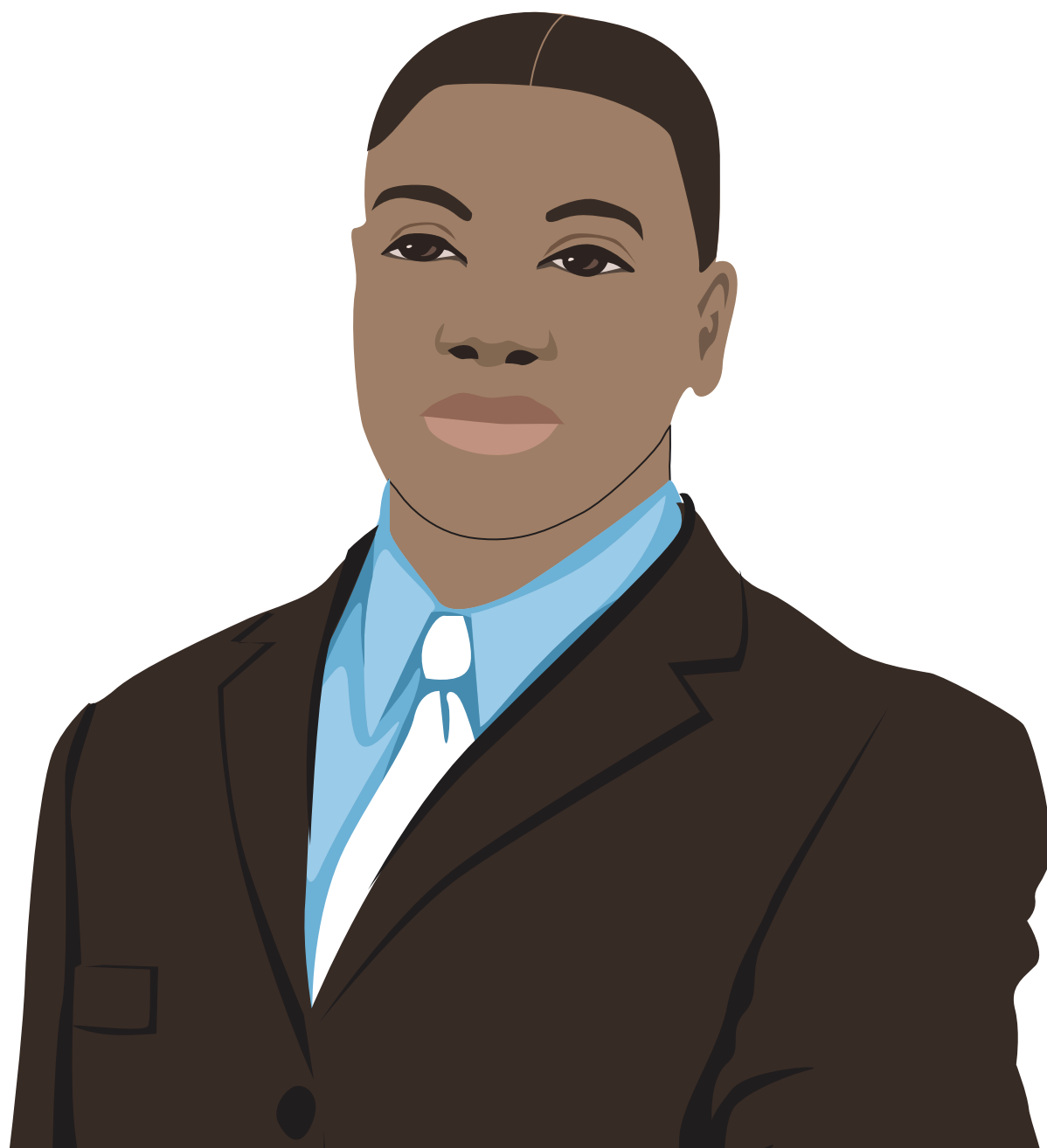
Paul Laurence Dunbar

Paul Laurence Dunbar was one of the first well-known African-American poets in the United States. His mother encouraged him to read poetry because she loved it so much.

Because of his mother's influence, Mr. Dunbar was writing and reciting poetry from a young age. He did not have much money. To pay his bills, he worked as an elevator operator.

As an elevator operator, Mr. Dunbar ran the elevator and took people to the floor that they requested. Sometimes he sold his books of poetry for one dollar to people who rode his elevator.

Some people believed that Mr. Dunbar could be a star and pushed him to keep writing. He became known throughout the country. He even traveled to London to read his poems. Mr. Dunbar also wrote short stories, novels, and songs.



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