

Similes

This activity accompanies “Love’s Pictures,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5377.

Activity Title: Similes

Description: The students will identify the similes in the poem, and then write a poem using similes.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Similes and Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will identify the similes in the poem, and then write a poem using similes.

Materials:

- “Love’s Pictures” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Discuss with the students the main idea of the poem. Remind the students what a simile is, and how to write a simile. Then, have the students work independently to identify and write all of the similes found in the poem. Review the students’ answers in a whole group discussion. Next, have the students write their own poem using at least three similes. When the students have finished writing, have them share their poems in small groups.

