

Metaphors

This activity accompanies “Song,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 4983.

Activity Title: Metaphors

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

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Literary Analysis and Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will identify the metaphors in the poem and explain how they appeal to the reader’s emotions.
- The student will write a poem using a metaphor.

Materials:

- “Song” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencils

Procedures:

Read the poem with the class, or have the students read it on their own. Discuss with the students the metaphors in the poem. Also, discuss how the students think the metaphors appeal to the reader’s emotions. Next, have the students write a similar style poem using modern language and a central metaphor.

