

Main Idea and Supporting Details

This activity accompanies “Scamp,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5299.

Activity Title: Main Idea and Supporting Details

Description: The students will explain the main idea and supporting details of the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Main Idea and Supporting Details

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will explain the main idea and supporting details of the poem.

Materials:

- “Scamp” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Main Idea and Supporting Details template (below)

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them listen to it on the Lit2Go website (website link listed above). Discuss with the students the dialect of the poem. Then, have the students work individually to fill out the main idea and supporting details template (below). When the students are finished, have them share what they wrote with a partner.



NAME _____

DATE _____

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Directions: In the trapezoid below, write the main idea of the poem. Then, on the lines underneath the trapezoid, write the supporting details for the main idea.


