Metaphors

This activity accompanies "Kidnaped," from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5333.

Activity Title: Metaphors

Description: The students will work with a partner to explain how the metaphors in the poem enhance its meaning.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Literary Analysis

Behavioral Objective:

• The student will explain how the metaphors in the poem enhance its meaning.

Materials:

- "Kidnaped" poem, available in audio and print form at <u>http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/</u>
- 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; also discuss with the students what a metaphor is. Next, have the students work with a partner to write an explanation for how the metaphors in the poem enhance the poem's meaning. When the students have finished working, have a whole class discussion reviewing their answers.



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