

## The Title

This activity accompanies “Love’s Apotheosis,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5074.

**Activity Title:** The Title

**Description:** The students will explain the meaning of the title of the poem.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Literary Analysis

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will explain the meaning of the title of the poem.

**Materials:**

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

**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. Then, have the students work individually to define the meaning of the title (using a dictionary if necessary), and explain why Dunbar choose that title for this poem. Next, have the students work in small groups to discuss their answers.

