

## Repetition

This activity accompanies “Waiting,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5096.

**Activity Title:** Repetition

**Description:** The students will work with a partner to explain how the repetition in the poem enhances the meaning of the poem.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Repetition

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will work with a partner to explain how the repetition in the poem enhances the meaning of the poem.

**Materials:**

- “Waiting” 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. Then, have the students work with a partner to write an explanation for how the repetition in the poem enhances its meaning. After the students have finished, have a class discussion reviewing the students’ ideas.

