

Rhyme Scheme

This activity accompanies “The Knight,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5114.

Activity Title: Rhyme Scheme

Description: The students will identify the rhyme scheme of the poem, and then write a poem using the same rhyme scheme.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Literary Analysis

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will identify the rhyme scheme of the poem, and then they will write a poem using the same rhyme scheme.

Materials:

- “The Knight” 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 how to identify the rhyme scheme of a poem. Then, have the students work individually to identify the rhyme scheme of the poem. Review the answers the students had, and then have the students use the same rhyme scheme to write their own poem. When the students are finished writing, have them share their poems in small groups.

The rhyme scheme for this poem is: ABABCCDDC

