

## Literary Elements

This activity accompanies “Communion,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5117.

**Activity Title:** Literary Elements

**Description:** The students will explain how the literary elements in the poem enhance its meaning.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Literary Analysis

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will explain how the literary elements in the poem enhance its meaning.

**Materials:**

- “Communion” 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 various types of literary elements that authors use while writing poetry. Then, have the students work in small groups to write an explanation for how the literary elements in this poem enhance its meaning. When the groups are finished have a whole class discussion about what they found.

