

## Personal Crisis

This activity accompanies “The Crisis,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5121.

**Activity Title:** Personal Crisis

**Description:** The students will write a poem with a similar theme as “The Crisis” poem.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Writing

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will analyze the theme of the poem, and then write his or her own poem using a similar theme.

**Materials:**

- “The Crisis” 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 and theme of the poem. Then, have the student work individually to write a poem with the same theme as “The Crisis” poem. When the students are finished, have them share their poems with a partner.

