

The Title

This activity accompanies “The Poet,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5229.

Activity Title: The Title

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

Subject: Reading and Language/Arts

Skill: Literary Analysis

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will explain how the title of the poem enhances its meaning.

Materials:

- “The Poet” 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 title of the poem enhances its meaning. When the students are finished working, have them share what they wrote in a whole class discussion.

