

## How Does the Title Relate?

This activity accompanies “Misapprehension,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5132.

**Activity Title:** How Does the Title Relate?

**Description:** The students will analyze the title of the poem, and explain how it enhances the meaning of the poem.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Reading Comprehension

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will analyze the title of the poem, and explain how it enhances the meaning of the poem.

**Materials:**

- “Misapprehension” 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 discuss the meaning of the title of the poem. Also, have them write a short explanation for how the title of the poem enhances its meaning. When the students are finished, have them share what they wrote with another set of partners.

