

## **The Pool**

This activity accompanies “The Pool,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5240.

**Activity Title:** The Pool

**Description:** The students will work with a partner to explain the symbolism in the poem.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Literary Analysis

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will explain the symbolism in the poem.

**Materials:**

- “The Pool” 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 and write an explanation for the symbolism in the poem. When the students are finished, have them discuss what they wrote in a whole class discussion.

