

## Summary

This activity accompanies “At Cheshire Cheese,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5148.

**Activity Title:** Summary

**Description:** The students will work with a partner to summarize the events in the poem.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Summarizing

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will work with a partner to summarize the events in the poem.

**Materials:**

- “At Cheshire Cheese” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Summary graphic organizer (below)

**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, and review with them how to write a summary. Then, have the students work with a partner to complete the graphic organizer below. When the students are finished, have them share what they wrote in small groups.



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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Write a summary of the poem in no more than 5 sentences:

Write a summary of the poem in no more than 3 sentences:

Write a summary of the poem in **only** 1 sentence: