## Life's Tragedy

This activity accompanies "Life's Tragedy," from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5282.

Activity Title: Life's Tragedy

**Description:** The students will write a poem about what they think is life's tragedy.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing

## **Behavioral Objective:**

• The student will write a poem with a similar theme as "Life's Tragedy."

## Materials:

- "Life's Tragedy" poem, available in audio and print form at <u>http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/</u>
- 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 students write their own poems with the same theme as "Life's Tragedy." Allow the students to write about anything that they think is a tragedy in life. When the students have finished writing, have them share their poems in small groups.



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