

Main Idea

This activity accompanies “De Way T’ings Come,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5283.

Activity Title: Main Idea

Description: The students will discuss the main idea of the poem in small groups.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Main Idea

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will work in a small group to discuss the main idea of the poem.

Materials:

- “De Way T’ings Come” 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 listen it on the Lit2Go website (website link listed above). Discuss with the students the dialect of the poem. Then, have the students work in small groups to discuss the main idea and any other questions or comments they have about the poem. When the students are finished discussing, have a representative from each group present what they discussed to the class.

