

Compare and Contrast

This activity accompanies “Life,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 4974.

Activity Title: Compare and Contrast

Description: The students will compare and contrast the first section of the poem with the second section of the poem using a Venn diagram.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Compare and contrast

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will compare and contrast the first section of the poem with the second section of the poem.

Materials:

- “Life” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencils
- Venn diagram (below)

Procedures:

Read the poem with the class, or have the students read it on their own. Discuss with the students the features and structure of the poem. Next, have the students compare and contrast the first section of the poem with the second section of the poem using a Venn diagram (below).



Name _____

Date _____

First Section

“Life” poem

Second Section

