

Main Idea and Supporting Details

This activity accompanies “A Summer Pastoral,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5373.

Activity Title: Main Idea and Supporting Details

Description: The students will explain the main idea and supporting details of the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Main Idea and Supporting Details.

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will explain the main idea and supporting details of the poem.

Materials:

- “A Summer Pastoral” 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 to it on the Lit2Go website (website link listed above). Discuss with the students the dialect of the poem. Then, have the students work individually to write the main idea and supporting details of the poem. Have the students include textual support in their answers. When the students have finished working, have them share what they wrote with a partner.

