

Compare and Contrast

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

Activity Title: Compare and Contrast

Description: The students will compare and contrast the “Promise” poem with the “Fulfilment” poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Compare and contrast

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will compare and contrast two poems.

Materials:

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

Procedures:

Read the poems with the class, or have the students read them on their own. Discuss with the students the main ideas of both poems. Next, have them work with a partner to compare and contrast the two poems for literary features such as structure, diction, theme, and events, using the Venn diagram template (below). Then, have the partners share their analysis with another set of partners.



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“Promise” and “Fulfilment”

“Promise”

“Fulfilment”

