

## Metaphors and Similes

This activity accompanies “The Lily of the Valley,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5295.

**Activity Title:** Metaphors and Similes

**Description:** The students will explain how the author’s use of metaphors and similes enhance the meaning of the poem.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Literary Analysis

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will explain how the author’s use of metaphors and similes enhance the meaning of the poem.

**Materials:**

- “The Lily of the Valley” 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 read it on their own. Discuss with the students the main idea of the poem. Then, have the students work with a partner to write an explanation for how the author’s use of metaphors and similes enhance the meaning of the poem. When the students are finished working, have a whole class discussion reviewing their answers.

