

Poem Meaning

This activity accompanies “Conscience and Remorse,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5005.

Activity Title: Poem Meaning

Description: The students will interpret the meaning of the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Literary Analysis

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will interpret the meaning of the poem using textual evidence for support.

Materials:

- “Conscience and Remorse” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencils

Procedures:

Read the poem with the class, or have the students read it on their own. Discuss with the students how to identify the meaning of a poem, using textual support. Next, have the students work with a partner to write their ideas for the meaning of the poem, along with the textual evidence that supports their ideas. Finally, have the partners share their ideas with another set of partners.

