

Poem's Theme

This activity accompanies "Faith," from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5310.

Activity Title: Poem's Theme

Description: The students will work with a partner to explain the theme of the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Literary Analysis

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will explain the theme of the poem.

Materials:

- "Faith" 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 listed above). Discuss with the students the main idea and dialect of the poem. Then, have the students work with a partner to write an explanation for the theme of the poem. Have the students include textual support in their explanations. When the students have finished working, have them share what they wrote in a whole class discussion.

