

Personification

This activity accompanies “Night of Love,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5016.

Activity Title: Personification

Description: The students will work with a partner to identify personification in the poem, and then write their own examples of personification.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Literary Analysis

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will identify personification in the poem, and then write his or her own examples of personification.

Materials:

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

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Explain to the students what personification is and provide examples, or have the students give examples. Next, have the students work with a partner to identify all of the personification they can find throughout the poem. Then, have the students create at least 3 of their own examples of personification. If you have time you can have the students write a short poem using their examples of personification. Finally, review with the class the personification they found throughout the poem.

