

Main Idea, Supporting Details

This activity accompanies “An Easy-Goin’ Feller,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5019.

Activity Title: Main Idea, Supporting Details

Description: The students will explain the main idea of the poem and give supporting details from the text.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Reading Comprehension

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will explain the main idea of the poem and give supporting details from the text.

Materials:

- “An Easy-Goin’ Feller” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencils
- Main Idea Chart (template below)

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Explain to the students how to find the main idea of a text and how details from the text are used to support the main idea. Next, have the students work on their own to fill in the main idea chart (template below). Finally, have the students share their answers with a partner.



NAME _____

DATE _____

Main Idea Chart

Fill in the main idea and details from the text.

