

## Main Idea and Supporting Details

This activity accompanies “Limitations,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5321.

**Activity Title:** Main Idea and Supporting Details

**Description:** The students will write the main idea and supporting details of the poem.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Main Idea and Supporting Details

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will write the main idea and supporting details of the poem.

**Materials:**

- “Limitations” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Main Idea and Supporting Details template (below)

**Procedures:**

Read the poem with the students, or have them listen to it on the Lit2Go website (website link listed above). Discuss with the students the dialect of the poem. Then, have the students work individually to complete the main idea and supporting details template (below). When the students have finished working, have them review their answers in small groups.



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Directions: In the rectangle below, write the main idea. Then, in the ovals, write the supporting details for the main idea.

