

Theme

This activity accompanies “Morning,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5325.

Activity Title: Theme

Description: The students will write the theme of the poem and details from the text that support the theme.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Literary Analysis

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write the theme of the poem and textual support for the theme.

Materials:

- “Morning” 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 read it on their own. Discuss with the students the main idea of the poem. Then, review with the students how to determine the theme of the poem. Next, have the students work with a partner to write the theme of the poem and the supporting details from the text. When the students have finished working, have a whole class discussion reviewing their answers.

