

Compare and Contrast

This activity accompanies “Compensation,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5334.

Activity Title: Compare and Contrast

Description: The students will compare and contrast the first and second stanzas of the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Compare and Contrast

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will compare and contrast the first and second stanzas of the poem.

Materials:

- “Compensation” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Compare and contrast template (below)

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, have the students work individually to compare and contrast the first and second stanzas of the poem. When the students have finished working, have a whole class discussion reviewing their answers.

NAME _____

DATE _____

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First Stanza

Second Stanza

