

Descriptive Language

This activity accompanies “The Veteran,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5337.

Activity Title: Descriptive Language

Description: The students will work with a partner to explain how the descriptive language of the poem enhances the poem’s meaning.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Literary Analysis

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will explain how the descriptive language of the poem enhances the poem’s meaning.

Materials:

- “The Veteran” 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, have the students work with a partner to explain how the descriptive language of the poem enhances its meaning. When the students have finished working, have them share what they wrote in small group discussions.

