

Compare and Contrast

This activity accompanies “Yesterday and Tomorrow,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5338.

Activity Title: Compare and Contrast

Description: The students will compare and contrast the time periods that the author mentions in the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Compare and Contrast

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will compare and contrast the time periods in the poem.

Materials:

- “Yesterday and Tomorrow” 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 time periods that the author mentions in the poem (yesterday and today). When the students have finished working, have them share what they wrote with a partner.



NAME _____

DATE _____

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Yesterday

Today

