

Similes

This activity accompanies “A Summer’s Night,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5043.

Activity Title: Similes

Description: The students will work with a partner to identify the similes in the poem, and then write their own poem using similes.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Literary Analysis and Writing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will identify the similes in the poem, and then write their own poem using similes.

Materials:

- “A Summer’s Night” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencils

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Discuss with the students how to identify similes, give them a couple of examples. Next, have the students work with a partner to identify all of the similes in the poem. Review the students’ answers as a class. Then, have the students work individually to write a poem using at least three similes.

