

## The Title

This activity accompanies “The Delinquent,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5045.

**Activity Title:** The Title

**Description:** The students will work with a partner to explain the title of the poem.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Literary Analysis

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will write an explanation for the meaning of the title of this poem.

**Materials:**

- “The Delinquent” 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 the main idea of the poem. Next, have the students work with a partner to write an explanation for the meaning of the title of the poem. Then, have the partners share with another set of partners to compare their explanations.

