

## Main Idea

This activity accompanies “A Drowsy Day,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5047.

**Activity Title:** Main Idea

**Description:** The students will determine the main idea of the poem and write supporting details found in the text.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Reading Comprehension

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will determine the main idea of the poem and supporting details from the text.

**Materials:**

- “A Drowsy Day” 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. Next, have the students work individually to write the main idea of the poem and supporting details from the text. When the students have finished, have them work in small groups to compare and discuss their answers.

