

Word Map

This activity accompanies “Dirge,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5048.

Activity Title: Word Map

Description: The students will create a word map.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Literary Analysis

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will create a word map, and describe how the word relates to the theme of the poem.

Materials:

- “Dirge” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencils
- Word map (below)
- Dictionary

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Discuss with the students the theme(s) of the poem. Ask the students to give examples from the poem that support the theme(s). Next, have the students work individually to complete the word map (below).



NAME _____

DATE _____

Word Map

Fill in the word map below.

<p>Word: DIRGE</p>	<p>Define the word.</p>
<p>Use the word in a sentence.</p>	<p>How does this word relate to the theme of the poem?</p>