

Essential Message

This activity accompanies “Till the Wind Gets Right,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5347.

Activity Title: Essential Message

Description: The students will work with a partner to explain the essential message of the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Reading Comprehension

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will explain the essential message of the poem by inferring, summarizing, and identifying relevant details.

Materials:

- “Till the Wind Gets Right” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Essential Message template (below)

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Then, have the students work with a partner to explain the essential message of the poem (using the template below). When the students have finished working, have a whole class discussion reviewing their answers.



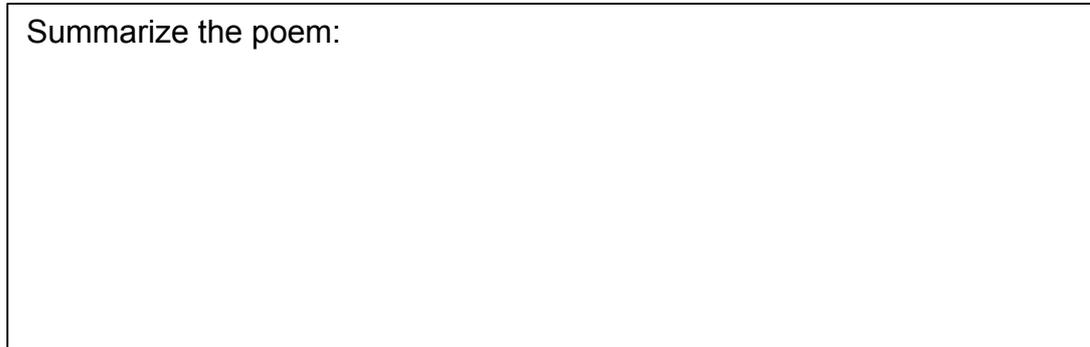
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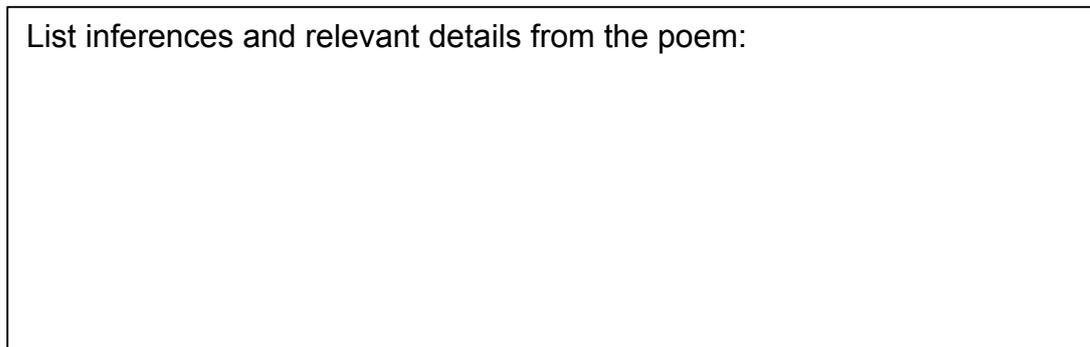
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Directions: Fill in the boxes below.

Summarize the poem:



List inferences and relevant details from the poem:



Write the essential message of the poem:

