

## Mood and Meaning

This activity accompanies “At Sunset Time,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5349.

**Activity Title:** Mood and Meaning

**Description:** The students will work with a partner to describe how figurative and descriptive language communicates mood and meaning in the poem.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Literary Analysis

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will describe how figurative and descriptive language communicates mood and meaning in the poem.

**Materials:**

- “At Sunset Time” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil

**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. Then, have the students work with a partner to write an explanation for how the figurative and descriptive language communicates mood and meaning in the poem. When the students have finished working, have a whole class discussion reviewing their answers.

