

## Identifying Personification

This activity accompanies “Changing Time,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5058.

**Activity Title:** Identifying Personification

**Description:** The students will identify personification in the poem, and then write their own poem using personification.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Literary Analysis and Writing

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will identify personification in the poem, and then write his or her own poem using personification.

**Materials:**

- “Changing 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. Explain to the students how to identify personification. Then, have the students work individually to identify all the personification in the poem. Next, review the personification found in the poem with the class. Finally, have the students write a short poem using at least one example of personification.

