

Main Idea

This activity accompanies “Phyllis,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5061.

Activity Title: Main Idea

Description: The students will identify the main idea of the poem, and textual support for the main idea.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Main Idea

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will identify the main idea, and give textual support from the poem.

Materials:

- “Phyllis” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Main idea chart (below)

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Discuss with the students main idea of the poem. Then, have the students work individually to complete the main idea chart (below).



NAME _____

DATE _____

Main Idea and Supporting Details

Fill in the main idea, and supporting details from the poem.

