

## Rhyme Scheme

This activity accompanies “Right’s Security,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5062.

**Activity Title:** Rhyme Scheme

**Description:** The students will identify the rhyme scheme of the poem, and then write their own poem using the same rhyme scheme.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Literary Analysis

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will identify the rhyme scheme of the poem, and then write his or her own poem using the same rhyme scheme.

**Materials:**

- “Right’s Security” 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 how to find the rhyme scheme of a poem. Then, have the students work with a partner to write the rhyme scheme of this poem. When they are finished, have them write their own poem using the same rhyme scheme.

**Activity Extension:**

Have the students share their poems with another set of partners.

Rhyme scheme of this poem: ABBCCDD

