

Summarize

This activity accompanies “Trouble In De Kitchen,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5359.

Activity Title: Summarize

Description: The students will work with a partner to summarize the main events of the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Summarizing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will summarize the main events of the poem.

Materials:

- “Trouble In De Kitchen” 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 listen to it on the Lit2Go website (website link listed above). Discuss with the students the dialect of the poem. Then, have the students work with a partner to summarize the main events of the poem. Have the students use textual support in their answers. When the students have finished working, have a whole class discussion reviewing their answers.

