

Group Teach

This activity accompanies “Absence,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5082.

Activity Title: Group Teach

Description: The students will work in small groups to analyze their stanza of the poem. After analysis, they will present their findings to the rest of the class.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Literary Analysis and Communication

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will work in a small group to create a presentation on the literary elements of a section of the poem.

Materials:

- “Absence” 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. Then, divide the students into four groups, one for each stanza of the poem. Next, have the groups find all of the literary elements in their stanza and create a presentation to explain them to the rest of the class. When the groups are finished, have them present in the order of the poem.

