

## Same Thoughts

This activity accompanies “Her Thought and His,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5083.

**Activity Title:** Same Thoughts

**Description:** The students will write a poem about a time they were thinking the same thing as someone they know.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Writing

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will write a poem with a similar theme as the poem.

**Materials:**

- “Her Thought and His” 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 the theme and literary elements of the poem. Then, have the students work individually to write a poem about a time they were thinking the same thing as someone they know. For example, a friend who wanted to do something at the same time they were thinking it, a sibling suggesting something that they wanted to do at the same time, etc. When the students are finished writing, have them share their poems in small groups.

