

Vocabulary

This activity accompanies “Behind the Arras,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5085.

Activity Title: Vocabulary

Description: The students will use context clues and a dictionary to define words in the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Vocabulary

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will use context clues and a dictionary to define words in the poem.

Materials:

- “Behind the Arras” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Vocabulary Sheet

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Discuss with the students the main idea of the poem. Then, have the students complete the vocabulary sheet below.



Name _____

Date _____

Vocabulary Sheet

Directions: Fill in the definition for the words below first using context clues, then a dictionary.

1. **Arras:** _____

Dictionary definition: _____

2. **Baronial:** _____

Dictionary definition: _____

3. **Engirt:** _____

Dictionary definition: _____

4. **Lambent:** _____

Dictionary definition: _____

5. **What is behind the arras?** _____

