

## Love versus Wealth

This activity accompanies “Vengeance is Sweet,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5090.

**Activity Title:** Love versus Wealth

**Description:** The students will write a persuasive poem about either love or wealth.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Writing

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will write a persuasive poem about either love or wealth.

**Materials:**

- “Vengeance is Sweet” 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 main idea of the poem. Then, have the students choose either love or wealth, as Dunbar did in his poem. Next, have the students write a persuasive poem about what they chose. When the students are finished writing, have them split into two groups, one for love and one for wealth. In the groups, have the students discuss why they chose what they did, and how they persuaded their reader in their poems.

