

“Lead, Kindly Light”

This activity accompanies “A Hymn,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5091.

Activity Title: “Lead, Kindly Light”

Description: The students will compare and contrast “Lead, Kindly Light” with “A Hymn,” and then the students will explain what similarities exist between the two poems and where Dunbar received inspiration from “Lead, Kindly Light”

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Compare and Contrast

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will compare and contrast two poems, and explain how one influenced the other.

Materials:

- “A Hymn” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Internet access to “Lead, Kindly Light”: http://www.encyclopedia-titanica.org/lead_kindly.html
- Venn diagram (below)

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Have the students also read “Lead, Kindly Light,” or read it with them. Next, have the students compare and contrast both poems (Venn diagram below). Also, have the students explain how Dunbar’s poem “A Hymn” was influenced by “Lead, Kindly Light.”



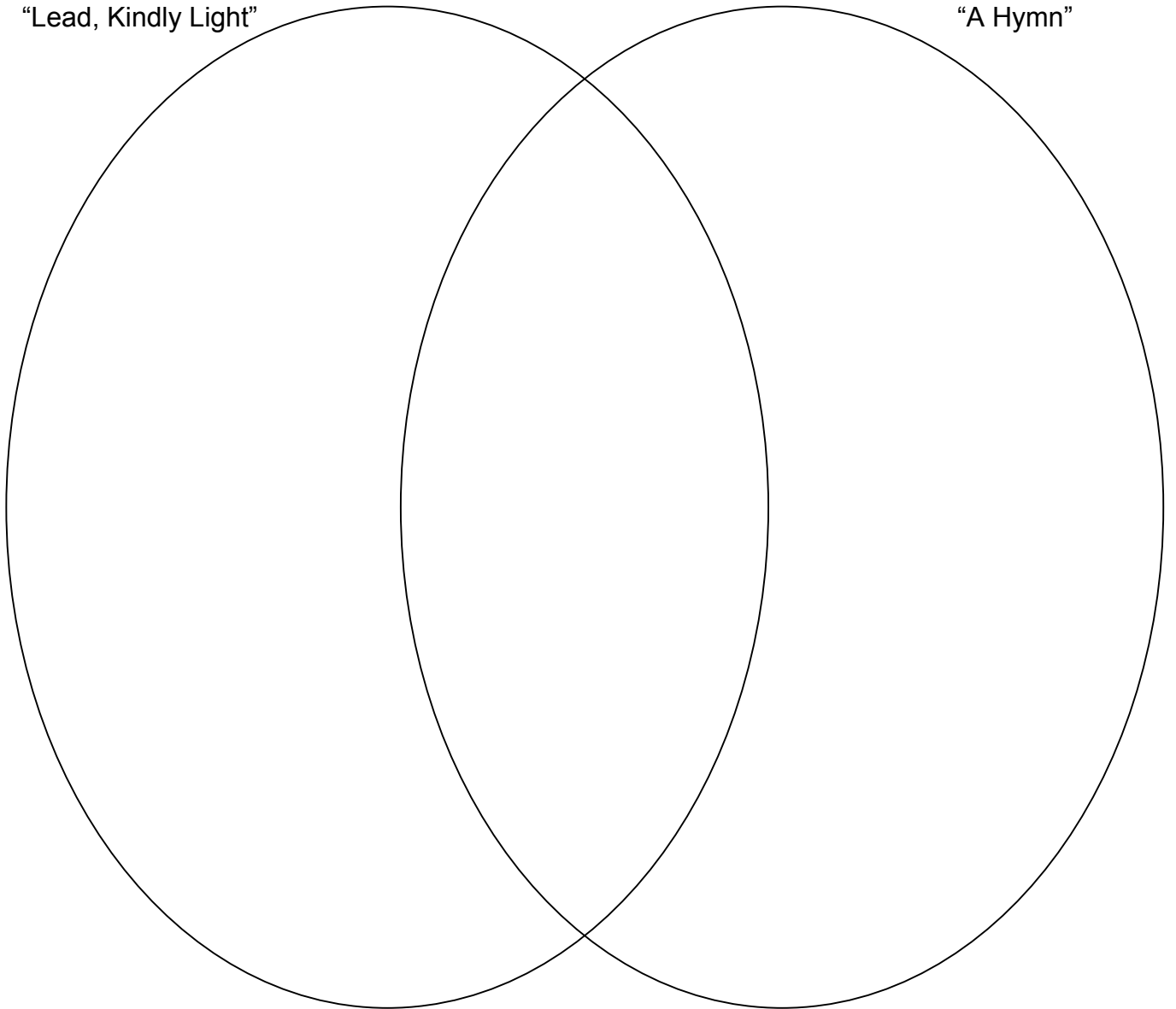
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“Lead, Kindly Light” versus “A Hymn”

“Lead, Kindly Light”

“A Hymn”



How was Dunbar’s “A Hymn” influenced by “Lead, Kindly Light”?
