

## Poem Meaning

This activity accompanies “Dreams,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5094.

**Activity Title:** Poem Meaning

**Description:** The students will work with a partner to explain the meaning of the poem.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Reading Comprehension

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will work with a partner to explain the meaning of the poem.

**Materials:**

- “Dreams” 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 literary elements found in the poem. Then, have the students work with a partner to discuss the meaning of the poem. When the partners finish, have the students discuss what they found in a class discussion.

