

## Main Idea

This activity accompanies “Love’s Chastening,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5119.

**Activity Title:** Main Idea

**Description:** The students will explain the main idea of the poem.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Main Idea

**Behavioral Objective:**

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

**Materials:**

- “Love’s Chastening” 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 metaphors in the poem. Then, have the students work with a partner to write an explanation for the main idea of the poem. Once the students have finished, review their answers in a class discussion.

