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.



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