

Summarizing

This activity accompanies “The King is Dead,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5106.

Activity Title: Summarizing

Description: The students will work with a partner to summarize the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Summarizing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will work with a partner to summarize the poem, and then give textual support for the summary.

Materials:

- “The King is Dead” 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. Next, have the students work with a partner to write a summary of the poem. Have them include textual support from the poem with their summaries. Then, have the partners share what they wrote with another set of partners.

