

Author's Purpose

This activity accompanies "In May," from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5190.

Activity Title: Author's Purpose

Description: The students will explain the author's purpose for writing this poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Author's Purpose

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will explain the author's purpose for writing this poem.

Materials:

- "In May" 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 main idea of the poem. Then, have the students work with a partner to write explanation for the author's purpose of writing this poem. When the students are finished, have them share what they wrote in small groups.

