

## The Title

This activity accompanies “The Tryst,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5192.

**Activity Title:** The Title

**Description:** The students will explain how the title enhances the meaning of the poem.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Reading Comprehension

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will explain how the title enhances the meaning of the poem.

**Materials:**

- “The Tryst” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Dictionaries

**Procedures:**

Read the poem with the students, or have them listen to it online (website link above) without giving them the title. Then, reveal the title of the poem to the students. Have them use a dictionary if necessary to define the meaning of the title. Reread, or listen to, the poem a second time having the students keep the title in mind. Then, have the students discuss in small groups how the title helps to enhance the meaning of the poem.

