

Literary Devices

This activity accompanies “The Dove,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5194.

Activity Title: Literary Devices

Description: The students will work with a partner to identify all of the literary devices that are used in the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Literary Analysis

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will identify literary devices in the poem.

Materials:

- “The Dove” 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 various literary devices that can be used in poetry. Then, have the students work with a partner to reread the poem and write all of the literary devices they can identify. Next to the literary device, have them write the example of that device from the poem. When the students are finished, have them share what they wrote in small groups.

