

Summarizing and Interpreting

This activity accompanies “She Told Her Beads,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5111.

Activity Title: Summarizing and Interpreting

Description: The students will work with a partner to summarize and interpret the meaning of the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Literary Analysis

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will summarize and interpret the meaning of the poem.

Materials:

- “She Told Her Beads” 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, discuss with the students how poems can have various meanings. Then, pair the students with a partner to discuss, and write a summary and an interpretation for the meaning of the poem. When the students are finished, have them share what they wrote with the class, in a whole class discussion.

