

Main Idea and Supporting Details

This activity accompanies “My Sweet Brown Gal,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5206.

Activity Title: Main Idea and Supporting Details

Description: The students will explain the main idea and write supporting details from the text.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Main Idea and Supporting Details

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will explain the main idea and write the supporting details from the text.

Materials:

- “My Sweet Brown Gal” 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 listen to it on the Lit2Go website (website link listed above). Discuss with the students the dialect of the poem. Then, have the students work with a partner to write the main idea of the poem. Along with the main idea, have the students write supporting details for the main idea from the text. When the students are finished, have them share what they wrote in small group discussions.

