

Same Theme, Same Main Idea

This activity accompanies “The Visitor,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5208.

Activity Title: Same Theme, Same Main Idea

Description: The students will write a short story using the same theme and main idea as the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Writing, Main Idea, Theme

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write a short story using the same theme and main idea as the poem.

Materials:

- “The Visitor” 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 main idea, theme, and dialect of the poem. Then, have the students write a short story with the same theme and main idea as the poem. When the students are finished, have them share their stories with a partner.

