

## Summarizing

This activity accompanies “To a Violet Found on All Saints’ Day,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5211.

**Activity Title:** Summarizing

**Description:** The students will use the clues from the title and the text to summarize the events in the poem

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Summarize

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will use the title and text to summarize the events in the poem.

**Materials:**

- “To a Violet Found on All Saints’ Day” 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 literary devices found in the poem. Then, have the students work with a partner to write a summary of the events in the poem. Have the students refer to the title of the poem and textual support in their summaries. When the students are finished, have them share what they wrote in small groups.

