

Conclusions

This activity accompanies “The Poet and the Baby,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5125.

Activity Title: Conclusions

Description: The students will explain the conclusion Dunbar comes to at the end of his poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Main Idea

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will explain the conclusion Dunbar comes to at the end of his poem.

Materials:

- “The Poet and the Baby” 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. Have the students work in small groups to discuss and explain the main idea of the poem. Next, have the groups write a short explanation for the conclusion that Dunbar makes at the end of his poem. When the groups are finished, have them share what they wrote with the class.

