Author's Purpose

This activity accompanies "Long Ago," from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5232.

Activity Title: Author's Purpose

Description: The students will work with a partner to determine the author's purpose for using repetition in the poem.

Subject: Reading and Language/Arts

Skill: Literary Analysis

Behavioral Objective:

• The student will explain the author's purpose for using repetition in the poem.

Materials:

- "Long Ago" poem, available in audio and print form at <u>http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/</u>
- 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 and dialect of the poem. Then, have the students work with a partner to determine the author's purpose for using repetition in the poem. When the students are finished with their discussions, have a whole class discussion reviewing their answers.



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