

Where's Home?

This activity accompanies “W’en I Gits Home,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5236.

Activity Title: Where's Home?

Description: The students will explain the main idea of the poem.

Subject: Reading and Language/Arts

Skill: Main Idea

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will explain the main idea of the poem.

Materials:

- “W’en I Gits Home” 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 individually to write the main idea of the poem. Have the students include textual support from the poem in their explanations. When the students have finished writing, have them share what they wrote in small groups.

