

Differences

This activity accompanies “Howdy, Honey, Howdy!,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5238.

Activity Title: Differences

Description: The students will work with a partner to compare and contrast the stanzas of the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Compare and Contrast

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will compare and contrast the stanzas of the poem.

Materials:

- “Howdy, Honey, Howdy!” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Compare and Contrast chart (below)

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them listen to it on the Lit2Go website (website link above). Discuss with the students the main idea and dialect of the poem. Then, have the students work with a partner to compare and contrast the stanzas of the poem, using the template below. When the students are finished, have them share what they wrote in a whole class discussion.



NAME _____

DATE _____

Compare and Contrast Chart

Directions: Fill in the chart below.

Stanza	What is unique about the stanza?	What do they all have in common?
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

