

Summarize

This activity accompanies “The Old Front Gate,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5242.

Activity Title: Summarize

Description: The students will write a summary of the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Summarizing

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will write a summary of the poem.

Materials:

- “The Old Front Gate” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Summarizing chart (below)

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 individually to write a summary for the poem (using the template below). When the students are finished, have them review their answers in small groups.



NAME _____

DATE _____

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Summarize the poem using less than 5 sentences:

Summarize the poem using less than 3 sentences:

Summarize the poem using ONLY 1 sentence:

