

Metaphoric Characters

This activity accompanies “Farewell to Arcady,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5144.

Activity Title: Metaphoric Characters

Description: The students will identify and map a metaphoric character found in the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Metaphors

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will identify and map a metaphoric character found in the poem.

Materials:

- “Farewell to Arcady” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Character Map (below)

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Discuss with the students what a metaphor is, and the main idea of the poem. Then, have the students work with a partner to complete the character map (below), using one of the characters found in the poem. When the students have finished, have them explain their character map to another set of partners who chose a different character.



NAME(s) _____

DATE _____

Character Map

Directions: Choose one of the characters from the poem and write their name on the line below. Then, use the bubbles below to write events that happen to that character throughout the poem.

