

Main Idea

This activity accompanies “Speakin’ at de Cou’t-House,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5253.

Activity Title: Main Idea

Description: The students will work with a partner to write the main idea of the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Main Idea

Behavioral Objective:

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

Materials:

- “Speakin’ at de Cou’t-House” 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 with a partner to write the main idea of the poem. When the students are finished, have a whole class discussion reviewing their answers.

