

Compare and Contrast

This activity accompanies “Then and Now,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5147.

Activity Title: Compare and Contrast

Description: The students will compare and contrast the ‘Then’ portion of the poem to the ‘Now’ portion of the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Compare and Contrast

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will compare and contrast the ‘Then’ portion of the poem to the ‘Now’ portion of the poem.

Materials:

- “Then and Now” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Venn diagram template

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Discuss with the students the main idea of both of the portions of the poem. Then, have the students work with a partner to compare and contrast the ‘Then’ portion of the poem and the ‘Now’ portion of the poem, using the Venn diagram below. When the students are finished, have them share what they wrote with another set of partners.

NAME _____

DATE _____

Venn Diagram 'Then' and 'Now'

