

Main Idea and Supporting Details

This activity accompanies “Expectation,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5152.

Activity Title: Main Idea and Supporting Details

Description: The students will explain the main idea and supporting details of the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Conflict and Resolution

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will explain the main idea and supporting details of the poem.

Materials:

- “Expectation” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Main idea and supporting details graphic organizer (below)

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Discuss with the students the dialect used in the poem, and review how to find the main idea and supporting details of a text. Then, have the students work with a partner to reread the poem to fill in the main idea and supporting details on the graphic organizer below.



NAME _____

DATE _____

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