

Odd Characters

This activity accompanies “Lover’s Lane,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5153.

Activity Title: Odd Characters

Description: The students will identify the characters in the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Reading Comprehension

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will identify the characters in the poem.

Materials:

- “Lover’s Lane” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Character map template (below)

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Discuss with the students the dialect and main idea of the poem. Then, have the students work with a partner to identify the characters found in the poem. Also, have the students write an event that took place around each character. When the students are finished, review their answers as a class.



NAME _____

DATE _____

Characters from the Poem

Characters	Events about this character from the poem:
The Author: Paul Laurence Dunbar	

