

Compare and Contrast

This activity accompanies “Foolin’ Wid de Seasons,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5164.

Activity Title: Compare and Contrast

Description: The students will compare and contrast Dunbar’s view of the seasons with the view of his neighbor’s.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Compare and Contrast

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will compare and contrast two of the characters in the poem.

Materials:

- “Foolin’ Wid de Seasons” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Venn diagram (below)

Procedures:

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Discuss with the students the main idea and dialect of the poem. Then, have the students work with a partner to complete the Venn diagram (below). When the students are finished, review their answers as a class.



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DATE _____

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Dunbar's View

The Neighbor's View

