

## Literary Devices

This activity accompanies “To a Dead Friend,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5272.

**Activity Title:** Literary Devices

**Description:** The students will work with a partner to identify literary devices found in the poem, and then explain how the literary devices enhance the meaning of the poem.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Literary Analysis

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will identify literary devices found in the poem, and then explain how they enhance the meaning of the poem.

**Materials:**

- “To a Dead Friend” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Literary Device analysis template (below)

**Procedures:**

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Discuss with the students the main idea of the poem. Then, have the students work with a partner to identify the literary devices found in the poem, and how they enhance the meaning of the poem (template below).



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## Literary Device Analysis

Directions: Fill in the chart below, using examples from the poem.

Literary Device (name and example from the poem)	How it enhances the poem:

