

Author's Purpose

This activity accompanies "Jealous," from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5172.

Activity Title: Author's Purpose

Description: The students will work in small groups to explain the author's purpose for writing the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Author's Purpose

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will explain the author's purpose of the poem.

Materials:

- "Jealous" poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil

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 in small groups to write an explanation for the author's purpose of the poem. When the students are finished, have them share what they wrote in a class discussion.

