

Main Idea

This activity accompanies “Dely,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5176.

Activity Title: Main Idea

Description: The students will work with a partner to explain the main idea of the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Main Idea

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will work with a partner to explain the main idea of the poem.

Materials:

- “Dely” 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 dialect of the poem. Then, have the students work with a partner to write the main idea of the poem. When the students are finished writing, have them share what they wrote in small groups.

