

Inferences

This activity accompanies “Breaking the Charm,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5177.

Activity Title: Inferences

Description: The students will work with a partner to explain inferences they made about the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Inferences

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will explain inferences he or she made about the poem.

Materials:

- “Breaking the Charm” 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. Review with the students how to make inferences while reading a text. Then, have the students work with a partner to write inferences they made while reading the poem. Also, have the students write an explanation for why they made their inferences. When the students are finished, have some of the partners share the inferences they made with the class.

