

Main Idea

This activity accompanies “Hunting Song,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5178.

Activity Title: Main Idea

Description: The students will explain the main idea and supporting details of the poem.

Subject: Reading/Language Arts

Skill: Main Idea and Supporting Details

Behavioral Objective:

- The student will explain the main idea and supporting details of the poem.

Materials:

- “Hunting Song” 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 determine the main idea of the poem. Along with the main idea, have the students give some supporting details of their main idea, using textual evidence from the poem. When the students are finished, have them share what they wrote in a class discussion.

