

## Compare and Contrast

This activity accompanies “Roses,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5277.

**Activity Title:** Compare and Contrast

**Description:** The students will compare and contrast the three stanzas in the poem.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Compare and Contrast

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will compare and contrast the three stanzas in the poem.

**Materials:**

- “Roses” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Compare and Contrast 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 compare and contrast the three stanzas of the poem, using the template below. When the students are finished, review their answers in a class discussion.



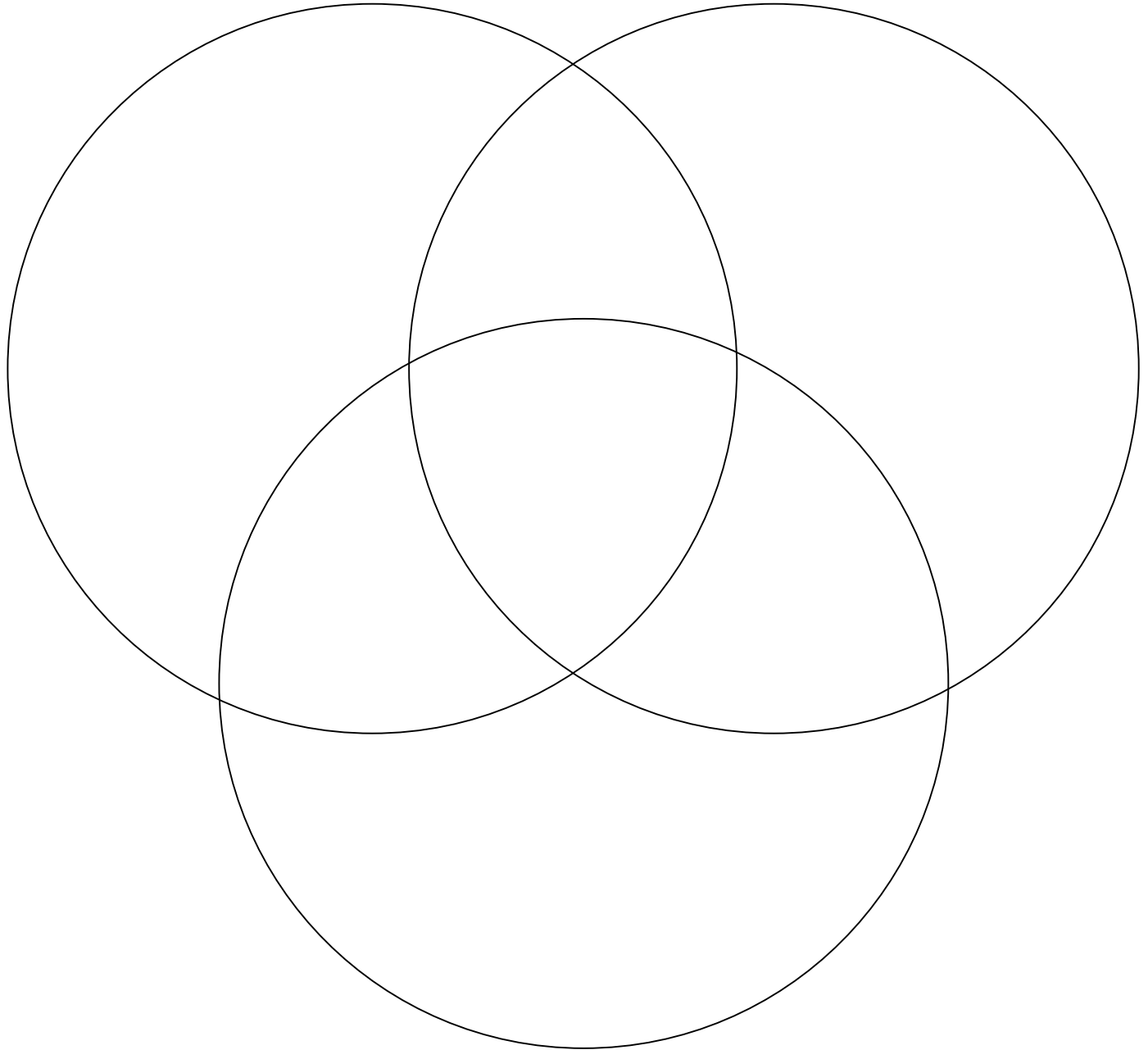
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Stanza 1

Stanza 2



Stanza 3