

## Main Idea

This activity accompanies “To an Ingrate,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5279.

**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 of the poem and supporting details of the poem.

**Materials:**

- “To an Ingrate” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil
- Main Idea and Supporting Details template (below)

**Procedures:**

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Then, have the students work individually to fill in the main idea and supporting details template (below). When the students are finished, have them meet in small groups to discuss their answers.

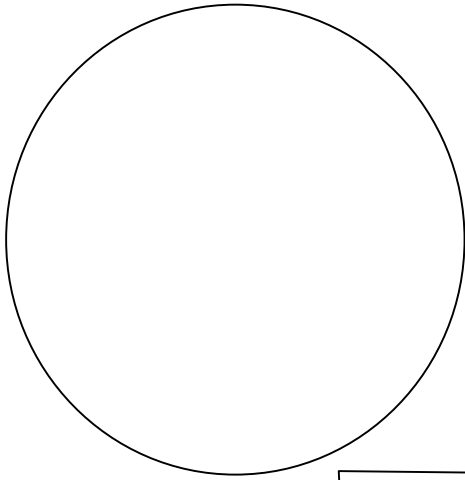


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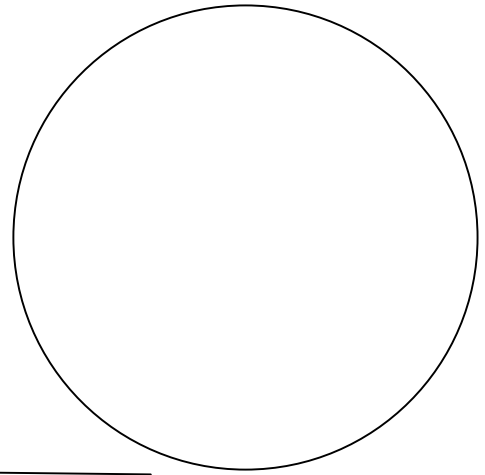
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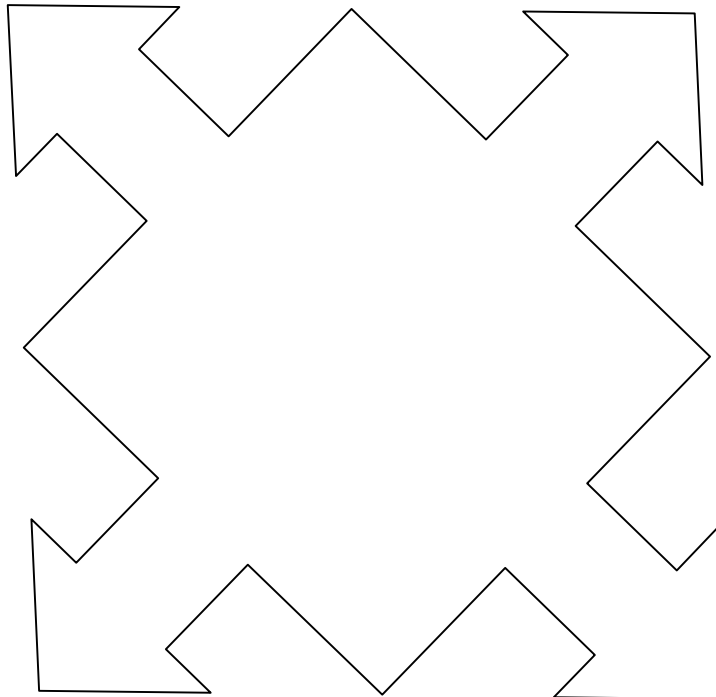
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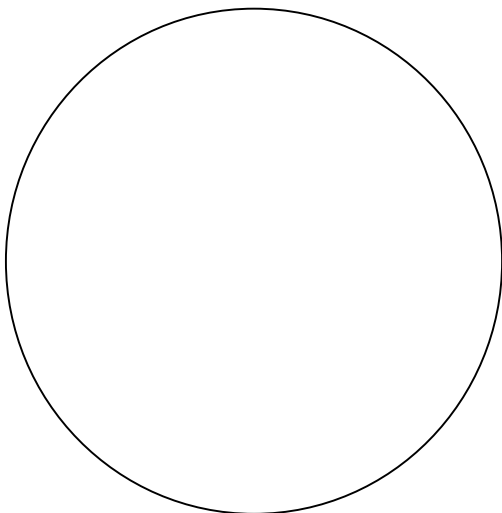
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