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Langston Hughes - Poet - A poet, novelist, fiction writer, and playwright, Langston Hughes is known for his insightful, colorful portrayals of black life in America from the twenties through the sixties and was important in shaping the artistic contributions of the Harlem Renaissance.

James Mercer Langston Hughes was born February 1, 1902, in Joplin, Missouri. His parents divorced when he was a young child, and his father moved to Mexico. He was raised by his grandmother until he was thirteen, when he moved to Lincoln, Illinois, to live with his mother and her husband, before the family eventually settled in Cleveland, Ohio. It was in Lincoln that Hughes began writing poetry. Langston Hughes was an American poet, playwright, essayist, columnist, novelist, and lyricist, and was one of the innovators of the new literary art of jazz poetry. Hughes was born in Joplin in the state of Missouri in the United States on February 1, 1902. He was the second child of his parents, Caroline Mercer Langston, a schoolteacher, and James Nathaniel Hughes. The family was seemingly happy until his parents' marriage broke up and James, Hughes's father, left them. It is reported that the reason of Hughes's father's escape was racial discrimination in the United States. He went to Cuba,