

Langston Hughes

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When Langston Hughes was a young boy his parents got divorced. His dad went to Mexico so Langston was raised by his grandmother until he was 13. Langston went to go live with his mother and her husband in Lincoln, Illinois. Lincoln, Illinois was where Langston Hughes began writing his poetry. After graduating Langston Hughes spent a year in Mexico following with a year at Columbia university. In the year 1924 Langston Hughes moved to Washington. In 1926 his first book of poetry called "The weary Blues" was published by Alfred A. Knopf. He finished his college education at Lincoln University. His first novel "Not Without Laughter" won the Harmon gold medal for literature in 1930. He claims that Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Carl Sandburg, and Walt Whitman are his main influences. Langston Hughes sadly passed away from prostate cancer on May 22, 1967.

"QUOTES"

"I SWEAR TO THE LORD
I STILL CAN'T SEE
WHY DEMOCRACY MEANS
EVERYBODY BUT ME."

"WHAT HAPPENS TO A DREAM DEFERRED?
DOES IT DRY UP
LIKE A RAISIN IN THE SUN?
OR FESTER LIKE A SORE—
AND THEN RUN?
...
OR DOES IT EXPLODE?"

"IT'S POWERFUL," HE SAID.
"WHAT?"
"THAT ONE DROP OF NEGRO BLOOD—BECAUSE
JUST ONE DROP OF BLACK BLOOD MAKES A MAN
COLORED. ONE DROP—YOU ARE A NEGRO!"



Langston Hughes was born February 1st 1902.

Langston Hughes worked as an assistant cook, a launderer, a busboy, a seaman, and now a famous poet.

Langston Hughes made an impact on people by writing poetry. Hughes turned his poetry more toward racial justice which made a great impact on the people.

Hughes greatest accomplishments was his poems, novels, and plays that made him an important figure in the Harlem renaissance, and he won the Harmon gold medal for literature.

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