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Biography

Learning more about a poem's author and subject can sometimes help readers understand the poem more clearly. The "About the Poet" sections of the Poet's Journal provide short biographies of the poets whose work you are reading in this unit.

Read the "About the Poet" section for Langston Hughes, then answer the following questions. You may consult the Poet's Journal and the video from this lesson if you need additional help.

1. In what years did Langston Hughes live?

2. In addition to poetry, what other kinds of literature did Hughes write?

3. What was the main theme of Hughes's poetry?

NOTE TO STUDENT

Did you know? If you are writing about an author you have never met, you should not use his or her first name! Instead, write formally and either use both the first and last name, as question 1 does above (Langston Hughes), or use only the last name, as the other questions do.

