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& A movement of artists and activists who focused on African American culture and political issues.

& In Harlem between 1919 and the early 1940s, a rebirth of African American art, music, and literature established a community based on pride and hope. The whole nation benefited from African American expression in music, literature, poetry, and art.

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& Common themes begin to emerge: alienation, marginality, the use of folk material, the use of the blues tradition, the problems of writing for an elite audience.

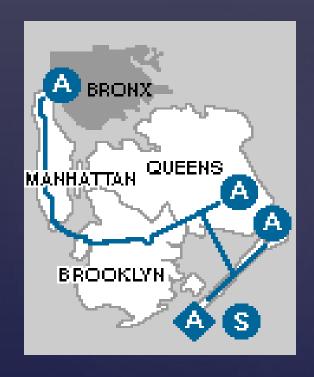
RThe HR was more than just a literary movement. It included racial consciousness, "the back to Africa" movement led by Marcus Garvey, racial integration, the explosion of music, particularly jazz, spirituals and blues, painting, dramatic revues

#### Manhattan Island, New York City





#### Take the "A" Train to Harlem



& Listen to the music

& Duke Ellington's theme song was "Take the A Train"

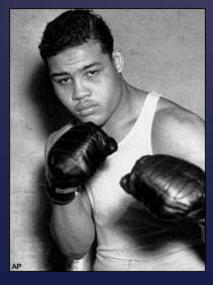


## Famous People Mentioned in Harlem: A Poem

& Boxers:



Jack Johnson



Joe Louis



Sugar Ray Robinson

# Famous People Mentioned in Harlem: A Poem

#### &Writers:

Langston Hughes
Zora Neal Hurston
Nella Larson
Richard Wright



Christopher Myers Illustrator of *Harlem: A Poem,* a Caldecott Honor Book in 1998