



Read the biography passage carefully. Then answer each question below in complete sentences.

Look for key facts about the person's early life, achievements, and impact. Use details from the passage to support your answers.

Langston Hughes: A Poet of the People



Did you know one poet wrote about the everyday lives and dreams of African Americans in a way no one had before? That was Langston Hughes.

Born in Joplin, Missouri, in 1902, Langston moved around a lot as a child. He started writing poetry in high school, finding comfort and a voice in words.

Hughes became a central figure of the Harlem Renaissance, a time when Black artists, writers, and musicians created amazing works in the 1920s. He wrote poems, plays, and stories that captured the rhythm and soul of Black culture, like "The Negro Speaks of Rivers." His writing often used jazz and blues rhythms.

It wasn't always easy for Langston to make a living as a writer. Sometimes he struggled to find publishers for his work. But he kept writing, believing his stories were important to share.

Today, Langston Hughes is remembered as one of America's most important poets. His work helped people understand the beauty and strength of African American experiences, and his words still inspire readers around the world.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Where was Langston Hughes born?



- A Joplin, Missouri B Harlem, New York C Chicago, Illinois
 D Washington, D.C.

(2) Langston Hughes became a central figure of the _____ Renaissance.

— continue writing on the lines below

(3) What does the word "Renaissance" mean as it is used in the passage?

- A a time of great struggle B a period of new growth and creativity
 C a type of music D a famous city

(4) Why do you think Langston Hughes kept writing even when it was hard to find publishers? Use details from the passage.

(5) How has Langston Hughes's work changed the world? What can we learn from his life?

