

biography

Langston Hughes

Writer | 1902 - 1967

Langston Hughes was an American poet who grew up in the midwest and lived most of his adult life in New York City and Chicago. A leader in the Harlem Renaissance, Hughes wrote poetry, plays, and non-fiction about the common experiences of Black people, using everyday language.

biography (n.)

Definition

a piece of writing about a real person's life,
written by someone else

Sample Sentence

Langston read a biography of
Langston Hughes.

the blues



the blues

Definitions

1. a feeling of sadness or melancholy; depression
2. a style of music that was created by African American musicians in the southern United States to express a range of feelings, from sadness and heartbreak to hope and joy

Sample Sentences

1. He had the blues after his friends and family moved away.
2. The musician shared his sadness by playing the blues.

community



community (n.)

Definitions

1. a group of people who live in the same area
2. a group of people who have the same interests, religion, race, or culture

Sample Sentences

1. The George Cleveland Hall library branch serves the Bronzeville community.
2. The community of Chicago authors gathers in front of the library.

influence



influence (n., v.)

Definitions

1. (n.) the power to change or affect someone or something
2. (v.) to affect someone or something in an important way

Sample Sentences

1. Margaret Walker had an influence on other poets.
2. The poetry of Margaret Walker influenced many people.

migrate



migrate (v.)

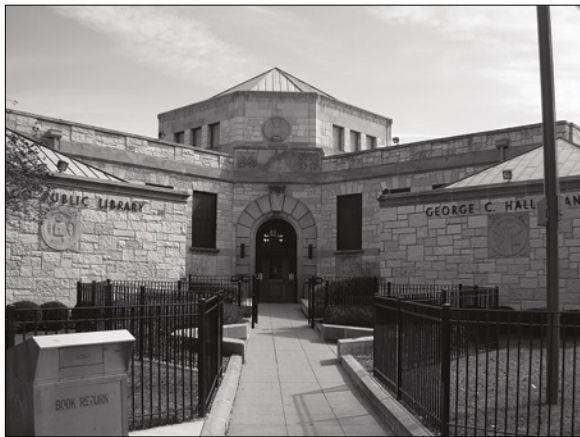
Definition

to move from one country or place to live or work in another

Sample Sentence

From 1916 to 1970, millions of Black people migrated to the North and West.

namesake



namesake (n.)

Definition

someone or something that has the same name as another person or thing

Sample Sentence

The library's namesake was a famous doctor in the community.

poetry

CARL SANDBURG

Fog

Carl Sandburg, 1878 - 1967

The fog comes
on little cat feet.

It sits looking
over harbor and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

poetry (n.)

Definition

a type of literature written in separate lines that appeals to a reader's emotions or imagination, often by using figurative language and repeated rhythm and rhyme

Sample Sentence

In 1916, Carl Sandburg wrote a book of poetry titled *Chicago Poems*.

renaissance



renaissance (n.)

Definition

a period of increased intellectual or artistic activity

Sample Sentence

Musicians explored new music during the cultural renaissance.

research



research (n., v.)

Definitions

1. (n.) careful study or activity to find and report new knowledge about a subject
2. (v.) to collect more information about a subject

Sample Sentences

1. The librarian shares research about the history of the library.
2. The student researches a poet she admires.