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Homework

James Emanuel

Read the passage below.



James Emanuel was born in Nebraska in 1921. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946. After the Army, he taught at City College of New York. He taught the college's first African-American poetry class. He also worked as an editor. His first project was a collection of Langston Hughes' poems.

Emanuel grew frustrated with racism in the United States. He began teaching at European universities in the 1960's.

He had one son, James Emanuel, Jr. In 1983, James Jr. committed suicide in Los Angeles. His father said he did it because he had been beaten by "three cowardly cops." At that time, Emanuel vowed never to return to the United States.

Emanuel wrote more than 300 poems. He has been called one of the best, and most overlooked, poets of his time. Emanuel died in 2013.

Clarify the word **cowardly**.

I think it means

What clues did you use to clarify the word "cowardly"?

Use the 5 Ws to summarize what happened to James Emanuel's son.

WHO is this about? _____

WHAT did he/she do? _____

WHEN did this happen? _____

WHERE did this happen? _____

WHY did this happen?

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