**Fun Facts**

**Claude McKay became an American citizen in 1940.**

**McKay was attracted to communism in his early life, but he was never a member of the Communist Party.**

**He was Jamaican-American.**

**His 1922 book of poetry, Harlem Shadows, was among the first books published during the Harlem Renaissance. His poetry collection, Selected Poems, was published posthumously, in 1953.**

**Becoming disillusioned with communism, McKay embraced the social teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, to which he converted in 1944.[10] He died from a heart attack in Chicago at the age of 59.**