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OCTAVIO PAZ



Read the biography of Octavio Paz and answer the comprehension questions using the passage for reference.

Octavio Paz (March 31, 1914 – April 19, 1998) was a Mexican poet, writer, and diplomat who became one of the most important voices in world literature. He was born in Mexico City, where he grew up surrounded by books and stories. As a boy, Octavio loved to read and write, and he dreamed of becoming a poet.

When he grew older, Octavio published his first book of poems while he was still very young. His writing was known for being thoughtful and creative, often exploring ideas about love, identity, and what it means to be human. Over the years, he wrote many poems, essays, and books that connected Mexican culture with the wider world.

In addition to being a writer, Octavio worked as a diplomat, representing Mexico in countries such as France, India, and Japan. His experiences abroad gave him new ideas and helped shape his poetry. Because of his great contributions to literature, he received many honors, including the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1990 — the first Mexican writer to earn this award.

Octavio Paz is remembered as a poet who shared the beauty of words and ideas with people everywhere. His story shows us the importance of imagination, curiosity, and the power of writing to bring cultures together.

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1 Where was Octavio Paz born, and what did he enjoy as a child?

2 What was special about Octavio Paz's first book of poems?

3 In what other job did Octavio Paz serve, besides being a writer?

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