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BOOK SYNOPSIS In 1960, August Wilson ended his formal education when he dropped out of high school after his teacher accused him of plagiarizing his paper on Napoleon. She implied it was too good for a black student to have written. Wilson retreated to Pittsburgh's Carnegie Library where, reading Langston Hughes and Ralph Ellison, he was inspired. Years later, that inspiration moved him to write *The Pittsburgh Cycle*, a series of ten plays that capture the experience of being black in twentieth-century America.

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- **A list of August Wilson's contemporaries in all fields**
- **Excerpts from August Wilson's major plays**
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- **An index of the main essay.**

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