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## CONSTANTINE P. CAVAFY

Cavafy was born in 1863 in Alexandria, Egypt, to Greek parents.

His father was a prosperous importer-exporter who had lived in England in earlier years and acquired British nationality.

After his father died in 1870, Cavafy and his family settled for a while in Liverpool.

In 1876, his family faced financial problems and in 1882, disturbances in Alexandria caused the family to move again.

Cavafy wrote 154 poems, while dozens more remained incomplete or in sketch form.

He is considered the most important Greek poet of the last 2000 years.

There are mythological references in his work.



THEMES: Uncertainty about the future, sensual pleasures, the moral character and psychology of individuals, homosexuality, and a fatalistic existential nostalgia

During his lifetime, he refused to formally publish his work so he shared it through local newspapers and magazines, or he printed it out himself and gave it away to anyone interested.

*Ithaka* is his most famous poem

He died of cancer of the larynx in 1933, his 70th birthday.

Since his death, Cavafy's reputation has grown. His poetry is taught in school in Greece and Cyprus, and in universities around the world.