



## Strangers in a Strange Land

### Second Attempt Crossing

#### Background Information: Javier Zamora

1. Javier Zamora wrote the poem "Second Attempt Crossing". Before reading the poem, find out who he is by reading the following text about him. Fill in the blanks with these words:
- awarded – California – country – dangerous – escaping – illegal – immigrated – persecution – poet – poetry – published – traumas*

1. Javier Zamora is a \_\_\_\_\_ and the author of the poem "Second Attempt Crossing".
  2. He was born in El Salvador and \_\_\_\_\_ to the USA at the age of nine. At that time his parents had already left their home country to escape political \_\_\_\_\_ and financial struggles in their home \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Zamora's journey to the USA was very \_\_\_\_\_. It was supposed to last two weeks, but it lasted five weeks. Luckily Zamora befriended a gangster who was \_\_\_\_\_ from his gang. With his help Zamora managed to get to the USA.
  4. Zamora grew up as an illegal immigrant in \_\_\_\_\_, which was often quite difficult. For instance, you can't get a driver's license or qualify for financial help to attend college when you are an \_\_\_\_\_ immigrant.
  5. Zamora started writing \_\_\_\_\_ in high school. In his poems Zamora writes about his own experiences as an immigrant, his life in El Salvador and the \_\_\_\_\_ that many immigrants experience.
  6. Zamora's first poetry collection "Unaccompanied" was \_\_\_\_\_ in 2017. Since then, he has published several books.
  7. Javier Zamora has been \_\_\_\_\_ for his writing several times and he is currently working on a new book called "Solito: A Memoir".
2. Translate the text into Danish.