



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.