	Business between the Austin bank and its clients was conducted in a fast and loose manner. This led to inconsistencies in Porter's books and he was accused of embezzlement. He ran away to Honduras and, when he came back to the US in 1898, he began a five-year sentence in federal prison in Columbus, Ohio.
	O. Henry was born William Sidney Porter on September 11, 1862, near Greensboro, North Carolina. He moved to Texas in 1882. He first settled in Cotulla, where he worked on a ranch as a sheep herder, before making his way to Austin in 1884. There he met Athol Estes Roach and they shared an affinity for singing and playing music.
	During this time, Porter assumed the pen name O. Henry and set about transforming himself into the famed short story writer. His most famous works are "Gifts of the Magi," "The Ransom of Red Chief," and "The Cop and the Anthem." Upon his release from prison, Porter relocated to New York City, where he enjoyed a considerable amount of success before succumbing to cirrhosis on June 5, 1910.
	They ran away together in 1887. That same year, Porter got a job at the Texas General Land Office. During the four-year period he was employed there, Athol gave birth to a daughter named Margaret. In 1891, out of work at the Land Office, Porter was hired as a teller at the First National Bank of Austin. Soon after that, the Porter family moved into the Queen Anne-style cottage that now serves as the O. Henry Museum.
	To this day, Porter's stories are known for their twist endings, ironic humor and clever wording. Because they have middle class influences and talk about middle class people and their lives in cities such as New York, they continue to resonate with readers around the world.

Where is the author originally from?

Is O. Henry his real name?

Why did he go to prison?

What kind of stories did he write?

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