James Joyce (1882 - 1941)
LIFE

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spent some time in Paris

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dissolute idleness - prostitutes

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1941: death

1903: his mother's fatal illness in 1903 brought him back to Dublin

September 1904: he left Dublin and Ireland but never wrote about anywhere else

Joyce's first ten years abroad were very difficult
he gave private lessons and work in a bank to support his family
daughter's schizophrenia

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helped by Ezra Pound
naturalistic drama *Exiles*

the War: he moved to Zurich
his financial difficulties continued
he also had problems with his health
1917: he underwent the first of many eye operations to prevent him from becoming blind

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