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Henry Louis Mencken was born in Baltimore in 1880 and remained a lifelong resident. Opinionated and controversial, his columns for the *Baltimore Evening Sun* earned him a national reputation. He died in 1956.

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