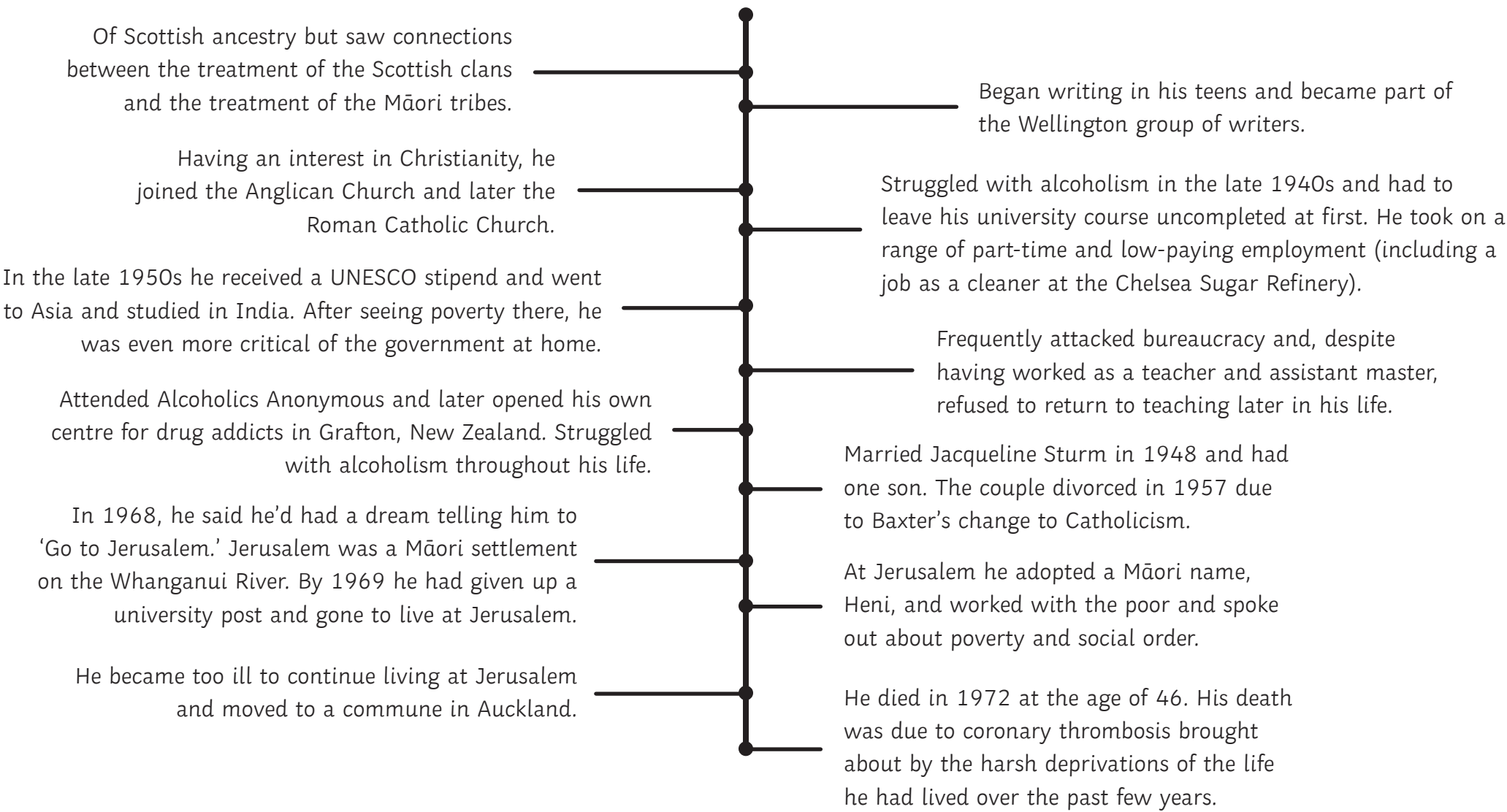


Poetry From Around the World

James K Baxter: Context



Born in New Zealand in 1926.



Māori

The Polynesian peoples of New Zealand. The Māori probably arrived in New Zealand from the Polynesian islands between 1250 and 1300 A.D. With the arrival of Europeans in New Zealand, starting in the 18th century, the Māori's way of life altered drastically and the population was decimated by disease and lack of cultural understanding. A protest movement, begun in the 1960s, sought to redress the inequalities the Māori felt in New Zealand. This included an effort to promote understanding of Māori culture among the young and regain their lost lands.

The Wellington Group

A group of writers and poets who lived and worked around Wellington, New Zealand's capital, in the 1950s and 60s. The group included Louis Johnson, Alistair Campbell and WH Oliver.