

REPETITION is very important in praise poetry.

Praise poems rely on **RHYTHM**. Repetition helps reinforce the rhythm / beat of poem

TYPES OF PRAISE POETRY

- Love poems
- Spiritual / religious poems
- People, forefathers, clans

Praise poets are known as **IMBONGI** and their poetry is also called **IZIBONGO**.

THE PURPOSE OF A PRAISE POET:

Apart from esteeming and honoring people, some of purposes may include:

- 1. Memory:** can remind community about events of the past.
- 2. Commentator:** can comment on a society and question why certain things are happening.

PRAISE POETRY

A poem that honors or esteems someone or something

COSTUMES USED:

- **Traditional** praise poets had a customary way of dressing.
- Dress code included an animal skin hat and robe
- Traditional praise poets also carried a spear.
- Some **modern** praise poets only use one or two traditional items.
- **There is no particular style for contemporary poets.**
- The way in which a poet dress is their own choice
- What praise poets wear sometimes reflects something they support/ believe in

PERFORMANCE STYLE:

Praise poets *interact* with audience when they perform and use many **gestures and movements** such as

- clapping
- arm movements
- making a fist
- nodding their head

