

1: Decolonization Poems | Examples of Decolonization Poetry

Decolonization Poems. Below are examples of poems about decolonization. This list of poetry about decolonization is made of PoetrySoup member poems. Read short, long, best, famous, and modern examples of decolonization poetry. This list of works about decolonization is a great resource for examples.

This includes dismantling the hidden aspects of those institutional and cultural forces that had maintained the colonialist power and that remain even after political independence is achieved. Initially, in many places in the colonized world, the process of resistance was conducted in terms or institutions appropriated from the colonizing culture itself. This was only to be expected, since early nationalists had been educated to perceive themselves as potential heirs to European political systems and models of culture. This is the locus classicus of this hegemonic process of control, but there are numerous other examples in the practices of other colonies. Whether in India, Africa or the West Indies in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the first nationalists were also modernizers, whose programme was less to effect a rejection of colonialist culture than to adopt its practices. In colonies where a majority culture or cultures had been invaded and suppressed or denigrated by colonialist practices, the process of resisting and overthrowing these assumptions has been more obviously active. As a socialist, Nkrumah restricted his concept of the neo-colonial operations of imperialism to the operation of the global capitalism of the West. The globalization of the modern world economy has meant that political independence has not effected the kinds of changes in economic and cultural control that the early nationalists might have expected. As well as direct and indirect economic control, the continuing influence of Eurocentric cultural models privileged the imported over the indigenous: Against all these occlusions and overwritings of pre-colonial cultural practices, a number of programmes of decolonization have been attempted. Notable among these have been those that seek to revive and revalue local languages. In post-colonial societies in which alternatives exist, it has been suggested that a return to indigenous languages can restructure attitudes to the local and the indigenous cultures, and can also form a more effective bridge to the bulk of the population whose lives have continued to be conducted largely in their mother tongues. Thus, decolonizing processes that have advocated a return to indigenous language use have involved both a social programme to democratize culture and a programme of cultural recuperation and re-evaluation. But it has also had considerable advocacy in India where, due to the unbroken power of local languages and their literary traditions throughout the colonial period, a strong drive to revalue the literatures and other arts employing Indian languages has occurred in recent times Ahmad ;Devy It is important, though, not to assume that these cultures remained untouched, and indeed the forms they often now employ, such as the novel, prose fiction, drama, magazines and television soap-opera, reflect an energetic engagement with dominant practices. Only the most extreme forms of decolonization would suggest that precolonial cultures can be recovered in a pristine form by programmes of decolonization see nativism. In fact, the borders and images of the post-colonial nation may be fictions that allow free passage to the continuing control of the neo-colonialism of multinational companies and global monetary institutions. Decolonization, whatever else it may be, is a complex and continuing process rather than something achieved automatically at the moment of independence. In the settler colonies this process can also be seen to occur in a different form. Although they were permitted political independence on the inherited British model at a relatively early stage, they often continued to suffer what the noted Australian commentator A. Similarly, they have frequently been far less successful than other kinds of colonies in dismantling the colonialist elements in their social institutions and cultural attitudes. Such connections tended to keep the settler colonies more dependent on the apron strings of their colonial masters Docker ,usually at the expense of the recognition of the rights of their indigenous peoples.

2: Literature and Decolonization - Oxford Handbooks

Below are the all-time best Decolonization poems written by Poets on PoetrySoup. These top poems in list format are the best examples of decolonization poems written by PoetrySoup members Search for Decolonization poems, articles about Decolonization poems, poetry blogs, or anything else.

I, a student, could qualify for the meeting on the basis of only two published short stories. But neither Shaban Robert, then the greatest living East African poet with several works of poetry and prose to his credit in Kiswahili, nor Chief Fagunwa, the great writer with several published titles in Yoruba, could possibly qualify. European languages had become the default vehicles for African literature. Those writing in African languages had to justify their use of their mother tongues. To be clear, the language question did not begin with my father. Immediately following the conference, literary critic Obi Wali had raised the questions that Ngugi would later revisit. To address the diversity and multiplicity of African languages, he called for translation. Achebe, writing in reply to Obi Wali, argued that English allowed for communicating across the different African languages while also reaching wider audiences in the West; that it was the language of power; that English could be Africanized so that it carried the African experience. What, then, did *Decolonizing the Mind* bring to the table? For one it tied language and culture to the material work of both colonization and decolonization. It also examined the close relationship between language and culture. Inherited colonial inequalities were becoming more entrenched, the security apparatus more brutal, and economies were pried open by Western countries, leaving the most vulnerable without access to health care or education. *Decolonizing the Mind* also demonstrated the way western cultural and linguistic superiority were emphasized while African cultures and languages were debased. Article continues after advertisement The concept of decolonizing the mind also applies to other areas of our lives away from immediately recognizable power relationship between the colonizer and colonized, or oppression and avenues of resistance. History moves on, theories of liberation march alongside it, but without our languages we will remain trapped within what literary critic Adam Beach calls the English metaphysical empire. Some of us, especially those who grew up in urban areas, cannot speak their mother tongues. When they visit their grandparents in the rural areas, they need someone to serve as translator. Many of our parents, having grown up under colonial rule, did not find any value in speaking in their mother tongues. They too, like the schools ran English only households, and speaking of mother tongues frowned upon. For my generation, how well you spoke English was not just a marker of intelligence but also class. English was not just a language of communication, or a language that helped one climb out of poverty and into power and wealth, it was the language of the cultured. In my wife, daughter and I visited my former primary school. His conversations around language, identity and culture Baird remain the most memorable for me, meeting Stevie Wonder and the Congressman notwithstanding. They had so much in common that it was a wonder they had not met before. They had been formed by the English metaphysical empire and found their way out through their respective languages. Now, they were engaged in a battle to decolonize minds and institutions. Pro-people and revolutionary literature could not contribute to decolonization if written in a formerly colonial language the people could not understand. This was the village from which the nearby Bata shoe Company and tea plantations drew their labor. It was a village of exploited and peasant workers. And it was they who helped in fleshing out the play, who acted in it and comprised the majority of the audience. The play itself was a dramatization of their exploitation and resistance. But practicing the politics of language came with a personal price. The play was promptly banned by the Kenyatta government and led to my father being detained without trial for one year. I was six, and today I can never be sure whether I really witnessed his arrest, or if the subsequent conversations amongst my family members and his recollection of the arrest in *Detained* made an imagined memory feel real. And so when the police with guns and big black coats came for my father, it must have been a dream I dreamt. That nightâ€”pills with no water but morning tea still found a newspaper damp with dew [7] In , my father attempted to resurrect the Kamirithu Theater. The then Moi government banned the play, burned the compound to the ground, and forced him into political exile. The government would not give passports to my

older siblings or allow them to find meaningful jobs. Once in the s, we held a Christmas party that got raided by the police. Everyone in attendance lost their jobs shortly afterwards. The work of decolonization is as personal as it is political. Jalada Africa, an online journal, best exemplifies the meeting between African literature, languages, the internet age, and the practical work of decolonizing. The Makerere generation was composed of writers in their twenties and thirties who understood themselves as having a mission to contribute to decolonization; this generation sees itself as having the mission to create democratic spaces for African literature, languages, and through internet use, a Pan-African readership. They want African languages to speak to each other, and to non-African languages, through translation. The Jalada language issue, which also included podcast interviews with some of the contributing authors, aimed to create a meeting ground where languages would meet as material entities through the literature’s “side by side” and also engage each other through translation. In their call for papers the collective announced that: The anthology will be a celebration of language, featuring fiction, poetry, visual art and various essays on the very subject of language. Writers are asked to submit original works written in their own languages and provide an accompanying English translation. We also ask writers to feel free to treat language as a theme, where language can be a character, a topic in a story or even incorporate languages other than English as the theme in the story. Writers may also write in English or various Englishes. In the spring of , Jalada published and facilitated the translation of a short story originally written in Gikuyu by Ngugi into over 60 languages—47 of them being African. This came with practical challenges. Or conversely, those who understand translation as most desirable when coming from European languages into anemic African languages desperately in need of European linguistic and aesthetic transfusion. The Jalada collective then is challenging the idea of servicing English, and proving the feasibility of a democratization of linguistic and literary spaces. Translation amongst African languages, as opposed to English into African languages, has yet to be practiced and theorized into critical and popular acceptance. Or Why Humans Walk Upright the most translated African language story is to claim a piece of literary history yet to be written. In , Chike Jeffers edited an anthology of philosophical texts originally written in seven African languages and then translated into English. But the African language awakening of the post-post-Makerere writers still has a long way to go before it can claim a space of co-existence with African writing in European languages. Lizzy Attree and I were immediately confronted by the absence of structures that are simply taken for granted when it comes to English writing, not just in Africa but worldwide. Most if not all colleges in the US, for example, have a literary journal for undergraduate and graduate students. English and other literary departments have well respected literary journals not to speak of academic university presses. States and cities have their own regional prizes and often have state-sponsored cultural organizations that support writers. Writers residencies compete for prestige. In Kiswahili, which has an estimated million speakers, there are only a handful of literary journals. And prizes for Kiswahili literature are not more than five. For Gikuyu, my mother tongue spoken by close to 7 million people, I can name only one journal: Mutiiri, launched by my father in as a print journal, and now found online. Publishers of literary texts in African languages outside of South Africa are few and far between. I do not know of a single journal that produces literary criticism in an African language. Or any residencies that encourage writing in African languages. The point is, for a population that will soon reach 1 billion people, spread over 55 countries, even journals and literary prizes would still be pitifully inadequate. The work of linguistic decolonization cannot be done by writers alone. African languages have to move from being primarily social languages to vehicles of political, cultural, and economic growth. We need literary criticism in African languages. And equally importantly, we have to decolonize African literary theory. Why should literary criticism continue to draw its primary conceptual oxygen from European literary theories? Why not use African literary theory to unlock the aesthetics of African literature? After all, our imaginations draw from our creolized cultures, and our cultures have and have had their own approaches to aesthetics. Literary analytical tools can be found in the cultures that produce African literature, but only if we first dig deep into African languages. The Politics of Language in African Literature. How to Become an Immigrant and an Exile.

3: Decolonization – Literary Theory and Criticism

This chapter examines the poetic effects of the decolonization of the British Empire. The analysis uses Edward Said's ideas of cross-national affiliation and decolonizing cultural resistance. It describes how place was imaginatively creolized and translocalized by black British and other migrant and.

At the same time, he was a member of the Anglo Irish Ascendancy and flirted with fascist ideas in his old age. This article summarizes some of the most compelling arguments for Yeats as a major postcolonial artist. Even so, they include Ireland within certain points of their discussions. Yeats spent much of his childhood in Sligo, and repeatedly returned to those memories in his work. After briefly attending art school, Yeats devoted himself both to Irish literature societies in London and Dublin and his own literary development. Maud Gonne, whom Yeats met in , would become the inspiration for most of his love poetry. In the s, Yeats became fascinated by Irish folklore, and published collections of Irish legends and original poems inspired by mythological Irish figures see *Myths of the Native*. This mystical, esoteric group, devoted to the supernatural, supplied Yeats with important symbolic systems. He developed an interest in Indian mysticism. At the Abbey, Yeats sought to create an Irish theater and educate the Irish public by offering a place for the performance of works by Irish dramatists see *Postcolonial Performance and Installation Art*. This laudable goal met with difficulties. After discovering ancient Japanese Noh Drama in , Yeats began to incorporate Noh conventions little scenery, heavy symbolism, stylized movements into his own drama. The Easter Rising of , when roughly Irish volunteers took over parts of Dublin and proclaimed an Irish Republic, inspired in Yeats a new nationalism. The couple had a son and daughter and lived in a Norman castle, Thoor Ballylee. Yeats died in the South of France in , and was buried in in Sligo. *The Critics on Yeats and Postcolonialism* This section will provide abstracts of a selection of the major critical contributions to the question of Yeats and postcolonialism, arranged chronologically. For more information on these texts and suggestions for further reading, please see the bibliography. At times Deane finds in Yeats a strong cultural nationalist, but just as often he accuses Yeats of writing out of reductive visions of Ireland. Said ends by placing Yeats somewhere along the way to full postcolonialism: Kiberd offers a reading of the differences between Irish and British definitions of culture: Investigating ideas of culture, and arguing for the search for a new style as a quest for a new self and nation, Kiberd reveals connections between Yeats and Whitman as writers of decolonization. Ramazani continues to position Yeats with postcolonial, or anticolonial writers: See also *Transnationalism and Globalism* For more Irish entries see:

4: poetry | Decolonization

Professor Mehta examines the interaction between poetry and politics in colonies and former colonies of England, France, and Spain during the era of decolonization. The years between and coincide with the growth of nationalism and form a bridge from colonial to postcolonial literatures.

5: Poetry and Decolonization - Chicago Scholarship

Professor Mehta Poetry and Politics of Liberation. Poetry and Politics of Decolonization. IDSEM-UG , Gallatin School of Individualized Study, NYU.

6: Decolonization Quotes (22 quotes)

Decolonization is the process of revealing and dismantling colonialist power in all its forms. This includes dismantling the hidden aspects of those institutional and cultural forces that had maintained the colonialist power and that remain even after political independence is achieved.

7: Mukoma Wa Ngugi: What Decolonizing the Mind Means Today | Literary Hub

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8: J A poem by Rita Wong | Decolonization

Women of color don't often have the luxury of sitting down to read poetry in which the words are affirmations of our lives, our pain, our love, our happiness, our sadness. We're told to quiet.

9: Poetry and Decolonization : A Transnational Poetics - oi

Enugu: Fourth Dimension Publishers. qui est au centre du manifeste litt@raire Toward the Decolonization of African Literature: Afri- can Fiction and Poetry and Their Critics (). London: KPI. of course. and one of its constitutive procedures lies in the construction of oppo- 1 Appiah (K.).

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