

The Evolving *Forms* of Poetry (Western Tradition)

Shaman
 Priest
 Medicine Man

* Each historic form is relatively placed, evolving continuously, most never dying out

Oral Bard (epic)
 Prophet

* Poetic forms included are linguistically oriented

Rhapsode
 Oracle (prophet-priest)
 Drama

Philosopher (Sophist)

Lyric poetry
 Oratory
 Royal Propaganda
 Courtesan

Epistle
 Confession

Scholastic Rhetoric
 Scribe

Troubadour
 Courtesan

Novel
 New Drama
 Essay

"Man of Letters"
 Critic

Academia Formalist Verse & Criticism

Avante Gaurde

Free verse

Music: Jazz, Blues, Folk, Rock, **Rap**

Film

Comic Books, pulp fiction

Performance Poetry **SLAM**

Pre-Historic	Axial Age	Common Era	Middle Ages	Early Modern	Modern	Post-Modern
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