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## Dreamtime

Nonical titled the poem as dreamtime because Aborigines call the beginning of the world the dreaming or dreamtime. Aborigines are Australia's indigenous people. (original habitats). The poem tells about the aborigines feelings towards the invaders who dispossessed them, their feelings for being strangers in their own land. The word invaders in the first line means people who have been residing in Australia but are not natives. The invaders viewed the natives as barbarians. Many died.

They recall their rituals & customs like boomerangs. Since Aborigines are getting rare these traditions are fading away. Aborigines honour their ancestors, & through this poem nonical pour the aborigines complaints about their disappointment of their ancestors passing back then when the European invaders came to the land. Aborigines today face a great deal of unequal discrimination & remain unpurviewed socially economically & politically. Dreamtime is a meaningful poem about culture & loss. The person of the poem is trying to communicate with the spirits to try & make them "Hear the voices of the unhappy people".

Kath Walker uses many poetic devices throughout her poem such as symbolism & repetition. The use of emotive and inclusive language creates strong & sad emotions. The purpose of this poem is to show how aboriginal culture is being lost & forgotten. It makes us feel sympathy for the aborigines & their loss & this is how it contributes to the purpose.



Identify the use of repetition & symbolism.

~~Repetition~~ <sup>Symbolism</sup> → "The spirits have turned to dust on the land" which is enforcing the fact that there was a lot of death & loss. It makes us feel sympathy for the aboriginals & their loss & this is how it contributes to the purpose. The use of repetition like "All gone, all gone", highlights the loss & a mourning is created.