

# PHILIPPINE LITERATURE

## DURING PRE-COLONIAL PERIOD

### LEGEND:

- Ten Reasons Why Life Was Better In Pre Colonial Philippines
- Types of literature during pre colonial period

### **Riddle**

A riddle is a statement or question that proposes a puzzle to be solved.

Types of Riddles:

Enigma-statement or question that employs metaphorical or allegorical language.

Conundra-relies on some sort of pun either in the original statement or in the answer.

**Women Enjoyed Equal Status with Men.**

**Society Was More Tolerant Back Then.**

**The People Enjoyed A Higher Standard Of Government.**

Filipino proverbs or Philippine proverbs are traditional sayings or maxims used by Filipinos based on local culture, wisdom, and philosophies from Filipino life.

Damiana L. Eugenio is the author of Philippine Proverb Lore (1975), and is also referred to as the "Mother of Philippine Folklore".

**We Were Self-Sufficient.**

### **Proverbs**

### **Folk Narrative (Fable, Folk Tale)**

They explain how the world was created, how certain animals possess certain characteristics, why some places have waterfalls, volcanoes, mountains, flora or fauna and, in the case of legends, an explanation of the origins of things. Fables are about animals and these teach moral lessons.

**We Had Smoother Foreign Relations.**

**Our Forefathers Already Possessed A Working Judicial And Legislative System.**

**They Had The Know-how To Make Advanced Weapons.**

**Several Professions Already Existed.**

### **Tanaga**

mono-riming hepta-syllabic quatrain expressing insights and lessons on life is "more emotionally charged than the terse proverb and thus has affinities with the folk lyric."

Examples:

-Basahanon or extended didactic sayings from Bukidnon.

-Daraida and daragilon from Panay.

### **Folk Songs**

form of folk lyric which expresses the hopes and aspirations, the people's lifestyles as well as their loves. These are often repetitive and sonorous, didactic and naive as in the children's songs or Ida-ida (Maguindanao), tulang pambata (Tagalog) or cansiones para abbing (Ibanag).

**The Literacy Rate Was High.**

**We Already Had An Advanced Civilization.**