

6. Become a poet storyteller

The poet story tellers were not just entertainers. They:

- Recorded what happened
- Gave news reports
- Held talks and made treaties with other Tuaths
- Made sure even the king kept the law
- Knew about the history and geography of the land
- Made praise poems and sometimes 'blame' poems (satires)
- *And* told stories



If the king broke the law, you might make up a poem that would make red blotches appear on his face. Then everyone would laugh at him and he couldn't be king any more.

In the days before newspapers or the internet, you might give reports about famous battles so everybody knew what was happening,



You might report the sports' news so that everybody knew about the top champions. Favourite sports were chariot racing, horse racing and wrestling.

If you took your special staff to show you were a qualified poet, you could go anywhere.

