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## Oral History in Dagbon: The Role of the Lunsi in Traditional African Society

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The *Lunsi* of Dagbon comprise a guild of specialists whose obligation is to preserve historical and genealogical information reckoned according to the succession of chiefs and royal families. The *Lunsi* recount their history by signing and drumming proverbs which allude to the Dagbamba royalty and their exploits. In this way, they inform the citizens of their ties to these royal ancestors.

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