Articulation of Women's Empowerment Through Poetry: A Critical Perspective

Sindile Dlodlo

Abstract

This is a literary study which analyses poetic works produced by Zimbabwe Women Writers.

It seeks to establish the position of women as far as articulation of their emancipation and

empowerment is concerned. This is done in the light of the fact that Zimbabwe Women Writers

is an organisation which represents both the achievements of women and an arena for women

to speak out. The Ndebele anthology Inkondlo (1998) is analysed and in the course of the

analysis, Spivak's (1988) argument of the woman being a subaltern who cannot speak is

interrogated. It is the author's submission that contributions in the anthology Inkondlo actually

deconstruct the feminist way of thinking which guides the publisher.

Key words: women, poetry, subaltern, oppression, feminism.