

Be Conscious of What You Choose to Become

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Pre-reading questions:

- What is your favorite type of music?
- Who is your favorite singer, and why?

Once there was a child named Big Jury. He liked listening to the radio, mainly to music programs. His favorite was traditional Rwandan music. He always walked around with a radio in his hand.



Big Jury did not have any **motivation** for school except to become a musician. He thought about the famous musicians such as Lucky Dubbe, Koffi Olomide, and Yvonne Cakacaka from Africa. Because of this, he failed all of his courses except music.

When he got to P6, he dropped out of school to study music. He learned to play piano and guitar. His interest in singing **encouraged** him to join the Impala

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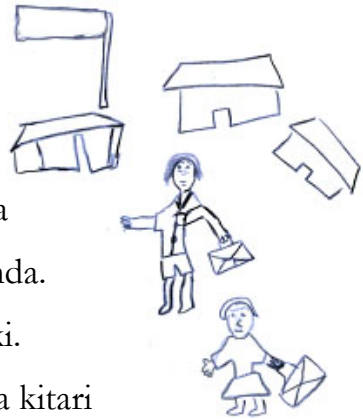
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Ibizazo:

- Ese ukunda ubuhe bwoko bwa musika?
- Ni uwuhe muririmbyi ukunda kurusha abandi?

Kera habayeho umwana akitwa Big Jury. Yakundaga kumva radiyo, cyane cyane igihe cy'indirimbo. Yakundaga cyane indirimbo za Kinyarwanda. Agatemberana radiyo mu ntoki.



Big Jury nta kindi yibwiraga kitari ukuzaba umucuranzi. Agatekereza ku bacuranzi b'ibirangirire nka Lucky Dube, Koffi Olomide, na Yvonne Chaka-Chaka bava muri Africa. Ibi biza gutuma atsindwa amasomo yose uretse umuziki.

Ageze mu mwaka wa gatandatu, avamo kugirango yige ibya muzika. Maze yiga gucuranga gitari na piyano. Ubushake bwe mu byo gucuranga butuma ajya mu Mpala z'i Kigali. Aba baririmbyi bakaba

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of Kigali. This group sang cultural songs.

Years later, he became an expert, and he received many awards from his fans and the critics.

The **themes** of most of his songs were peace and **reconciliation**. Therefore, he became rich and gained the love of countless girls. One of the girls played a trick on him and said that the boy was guilty of committing a crime. The authorities put him in prison for some time. Once he was liberated, he wrote songs titled “This World Is Not Our Home” and “Don’t Believe in Any Person Except God”.

A fair judge liberated him, and his relatives prepared a feast and praised God. After the **liberation** of Big Jury, he had concerts both in the town and out of the country, until he died from an unknown disease.



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bararirimbaga indirimbo za Kinyarwanda.

Nyuma y’imyaka myinshi, ahinduka intyoza maze abona n’impano nyinshi ari izo yahawe n’abafana, ndetse n’izo yahawe n’abamunengaga.

Insanganyamatsiko y’indirimbo ze yari amahoro n’ubwiyunge; bityo aba umukire kandi akundwa n’abakobwa benshi. Umukobwa umwe amutekera umutwe avuga ko yakoze ibyaha. Nuko ashyirwa mu munyururu igihe gito. Avuye mu munyururu yandika indirimbo ivuga ngo “Iyi Si si Iwacu” na “Ntukagire Uwo Wizera uretse Imana”.

Umucamanza w’umunyakuri aramurekura, maze abavandimwe be bamutegurira umunsi mukuru kandi bashimira Imana. Big Jury amaze kurekurwa akora ibitaramo mu muji ndetse no mu cyaro. Nyuma yaho yaje kwitaba Imana azize indwara.



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