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The 1AC deploys West African Epistemology as a methodology to undermine war powers. Through an affirmation of the Orisa, Ogun, we become oracles who are able to revive and reconstruct a lost tradition within the academy and the cultural contexts that it reproduces. The scholarship of the 1AC lies at the intersection of West African Studies, African American/Black/Africana/Diaspora studies, post-colonial studies, and performance studies. The 1AC also utilizes the work of The Last Poets, "Tribute to Obabi," *Chastisement,* "which together give the discourse a public, sociopolitical character" (Yaw Adu-Gyamfi).

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