

AFRO-PERUVIAN  
ACTIVIST&COMPOSER

# NICOMEDES SANTA CRUZ

One of the most important Afro-Peruvian poets of the twentieth century. He was primarily a **decimero**, a singer of décimas .(The decima in all Latin America and in Spain is a style of poetry that is octosyllabic and has 10 lines to the stanza.) He is the best representative of **negritude** in Peru by being the first poet in treating blackness from an Afro-centric perspective highlighting the important and unmistakable participation of the Afro-Peruvian in the shaping of national history.

## Some of his works

- Canto a mi Perú (Song to My Peru, 1966)
- La décima en el Perú (The Décima in Peru, 1982)
- Antología Afroperuana (Cumanana: Afro-Peruvian Anthology, 1970)

