

READING LITERATURE

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How do you escape from the harsh reality? Me? I watch animes and movies especially those that are adapted from books. And I must say, some of those adaptations don't give justice to the beauty of the marvelous words offered by a book. So, reading books beat those animes and movies. My all-time fave are the Harry Potter series and all the Rick Riordan's masterpiece. Reading makes everything magical like fairy tale with the prince charming and the happy ever after are true. Sadly, you must return to reality but that doesn't lessen the importance of reading.

Why do you read? You may answer that it is because its to gain more knowledge, to be updated, to review for a test, to broaden your vocabulary and many other reasons. But have you really appreciated reading? Have you read because you really really want to? Or you are just reading because of responsibility? Well, we have different notion about reading. Whatever it may be, I'm just happy that you take time to do so instead of scrolling through that mobile device.

Reading plays a vital role in education. Teachers promotes reading in various ways as it becomes a burden to the learners of today. They got bored easily reading literature. The students prefer listening to the teachers narrating those classics instead of exploring through reading. Literature is often deemed as a dreary subject due to its structural difficulty and its exclusive use of language. Not to me. I mean, its hard especially if it's written in the second language but just think of all the adventure you'll get from those words. I remember looking forward to the English subject knowing that we'll read and study literature. I enjoyed the quest I gained from the Greek Mythology particularly The Illiad, the wisdom I earned from The Little Prince, the fun I had with Don Quixote and

the struggle I experience with the Pandavas brothers from Mahabharata. I do hope that those students would see the beauty in reading literatures.

Why should we read literature? It exercises our imagination. Literature taught us to think divergently. It sharpened us to read between the lines, to foreshadow the next moves of the characters. Literature is a vessel, leading us to another way of thinking. It is also the cheapest way to explore the world. The best way to experience the culture and history of other races. Through literature we can go through the past, present and future. Reading literature nurtures our capacity with language and vocabulary which is truly crucial in education. I do really hope that you read till the last part of this article, liberate yourself from the thought that reading, especially literature, is a burden.

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