

IMPORTANCE OF LITERATURE IN LANGUAGE CLASSES

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The complexity of literature subjects makes teaching them in the classroom one of the difficulties language teachers face today. The majority of students think studying literature is uninteresting and a waste of time, while some don't like to read or have trouble with it. Despite the fact that literature is sometimes called the "window to the world," it is important because it is a product of cultures and includes a wealth of information that can aid learners in understanding the culture, history, and social mores of the target language.

According to Cheng (2012), education literature aims to develop students' potential holistically, evenly, and comprehensively, taking into account the intellectual, spiritual, emotional, and physical components, in order to create a harmonious and balanced individual with high social standards. Thus, the fundamental objective of adding literature in the English Language course is to develop students' language abilities. Due to this, literature extends beyond simply addressing the interpersonal and informational aesthetic worth of learning to educate readers about people, society, ethics, behaviors, and other social norms. Including literature in the classroom will help students improve their literacy abilities and broaden their sense of creativity.

On the other hand, there are three advantages to including children's literature in elementary schools, according to the study by the Malaysian Ministry of Education(2006) they are: (1) the enjoyment that comes from personal and emotional gains that help children understand themselves and the world around them, fosters imagination, aids in helping children make sense of their own experiences, and generates thoughts about life's

issues, (2) Children can learn new information and concepts, deepen their comprehension of concepts, learn about cultural customs, beliefs, and challenges, grow in self-respect, and become more conscious of their environment they have obtained, and (3) by learning new methods to use language that bridge the gap between written and spoken language, children are able to experience the structure of narratives and acquire an awareness of how language functions in communication as well as a comprehension of word meanings will also enhance by learning literature

Reading literature is important because it demonstrates the vitality of language. Actual events that are a part of people's experiential backgrounds are depicted in the literary works that make up Philippine literature. This presents a variety of difficulties, including the need to promote international harmony and environmental preservation. The real human being is a dual-natured creature who is both an action-taker and a dreamer, and this story serves as a warning about that fact.

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