

Importance of Literature in our lives:

Literature is an important part of a culture that unfolds history. It is the mirror of a society that helps to understand a particular culture at a particular time, along with its behavior, achievements, and evils through literary tales. It tells the truth in sugar-coated form; be it past or present. For instance, the novel Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen shows the status of women in 19th c English society, class discrimination, and eagerness to improve social status through marriage and not by personal achievements. Through this novel, the conditions of Asian countries can be related and hence, it can be ultimately realized and improved.

Literature is also important to develop empathy and humanity. Literary tales are loaded with human emotions. The characters feel up and down and express their suffering which allows the reader to develop empathy with remoted areas they have never experienced. Reading literature allows the reader to get an insight into human behavior and the reason behind it.

The other reason why literature is important is that it develops creativity in children. Gabriel Garcia Marquez, the father of Magical realism and nobel laureate, took his early inspiration from the stories his grandmother would read out to him, when he was a child, about supernaturalism. As a result, reality and fantasy merged into his mind and eventually into writing.

Similarly, Albert Einstein says: "If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairytales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairytales."

Moreover, literature ^{also} plays an important role in ~~enhancing~~^{enhancing} language skills. Those who read literature, experience expansion in their vocabulary and understand the correct usage of tenses. "The study of literature offers many ways to improve literacy: it gives access to language, reading, writing, a shared culture, and one's own self." (J. Trounstine, 'Literature in Prison') Thus, the importance of literature is significant.