



LITERATURE—THE REFLECTION OF LIFE

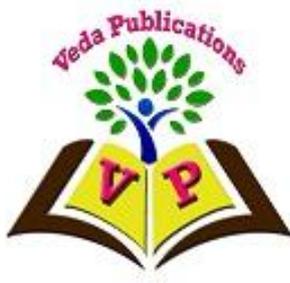
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ABSTRACT



Literature is a body of written works. It refers to writing as an art form. People who believe that literature is not important, must realise that this is a source of great knowledge. Literature serves as a gateway to learning of the past and expanding the knowledge and understanding the world. Literature is the foundation of life that emphasizes on human emotions like bliss, sorrows, love, anger, envy, hatred, jealous etc that are connected to human relationship. Literature mirrors the society and its mannerisms. Literature is a torch barrier that has helped civilizations to overcome darkness of savagery. Without literature men would be like wild beasts because it endows an understanding on empathy in that reader. Literature unites mankind.

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Literature, most generically is any body of written works. It refers to the intellectual value often due to deploying language in ways that differs from ordinary usage. There are many different kinds of literature- poetry, plays, dramas, novels etc. literature is a form of human expression. Literature is a term used to describe written and sometimes spoken material. It is derived from the Latin word "litteratura" means writing formed with letters. Literature refers to the works of creative imagination.

Literature is a reflection of the society that has been widely acknowledged. Literature Mirrors the ills of the society with a view to make the society realize its mistakes and make amends. It also projects the virtues and values in the society for people to emulate. Literature – as an imitation of human actions, presents a picture what people think, say and do in the society. In literature we find stories designed to portray human life and action through some characters by their words, actions and reactions.

Shakespeare reflected the culture and society of his day. 'Love' was still prettily inconsequential, a factor when it came to marriage. He dealt in archetypes before anyone new such things existed. Shakespeare is unequalled as a poet and intellect, but he remains elusive.

In the play Othello the characters are symbolic of qualities that found in every human.

Othello – A symbol of jealousy and pride Desdemona- A symbol of kindness and honesty Iago- A symbol of deceit and selfishness

As a representation of life Othello contrasts with Macbeth. Macbeth- the story is of universal dimensions. Human character plays a substantial role in forging man's destiny. The character is active but does not appear as the major determinant. Different experiences and feelings were seen in the novel in the characters.

Shakespeare explored poetry and drama but it is drama that brought fame to him. Poetry is inseparable from his writings. He has given immortal lines "to be or not to be" is oft quoted line from Hamlet that is reflected in a modern man who is caught in the same idea of perplexity.

Jane Austen idealized for their ability to create words that change lives. Her style of writing,

by providing the background information which she criticises the characters. Characters with a negative personality are always criticised. In Pride and Prejudice, towards the end Wickham spoke the words about in gratitude, falsehood in spite of everything.

By reading literature or any piece of literary work, you are opening the gateway to unbound imagination and allowing your intellect to grow by perceiving ideas. Literatures open our eyes and see more than just what the front door shows. The human nature and the conditions which affect all people are closely disclosed. Various dimensions of the society and its people are explored by literature and presented to man. It paves a platform to man to be aware of cultures, manners and emotions of the people of different ages. it acts as a supernatural eye through which one can see past present and future.

CONCLUSION

Literature enables people to see through the lenses of others and sometimes even inanimate objects. Literature becomes a looking glass into the world as others view it. It has provided a gateway to teach the reader about life experiences from even the saddest stories to the most joyful ones that will touch perhaps.