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Power of Literature

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ABSTRACT

Literature has the power to represent the present, recall the past and imagine the future for us. Literature helps us better understand our lives, ourselves and the world around us. Encounters with literature develop the concepts of identification, imagination and empathy. In our increasingly chaotic world, these skills matter deeply. It is a tool that enables people to tell others about their experiences and share their stories. Literature has the power to promote social change as well as preserve cultures and traditions. We can encounter other viewpoints and opinions through reading literature. Literature reflects the society, its good values and its ills. Literature mirrors the ills of the society with a view to making the society realize its mistakes and make amends. The present paper try to focus on the power of literature.

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FULL PAPER

Portuguese Poet, Fernando Pessoa once said, “literature is the most agreeable way of ignoring life.” He said a great thing indeed. We may also have seen and must have felt in our daily lives that whenever we feel bad or low about anything we go through or happens in our lives, we want and try to ignore them for a while, and we also try to refresh our mind by different things based on our interest. Such as some of us love to listen to their favorite song, while others love to read books, watch movies, cartoons and so on. Literature is something that not only helps us to ignore our life’s problems for a while but it in some way or other, it also helps and provokes our mind to think more and become more human. It helps us to reflect on our own lives, and in discussion with others as well. Literature adds more value and beauty to our lives. It teaches us to fall in love with our own selves. Ability to see the world with a pair of fresh eyes triggers the reader to reflect upon their own lives. Reading a material that is relatable to the reader may teach them morals and encourage them to practice good judgement.

Examples would be William Shakespeare’s stories, Rabindranath Tagore’s works, novels by Sudha Murty etc. where each one is meant to be reflective of human nature good and bad. Consequently, this can promote better judgement of situations, so the readers do not find themselves in the same circumstances as perhaps those in the fiction world. Henceforth, literature is proven to not only be reflective of life, but it can also be used as a guide for the reader to follow and practice good judgement. Literature is a potent tool with a wide range of social and cultural effects. It has the power to reflect and mold a society’s attitudes, values and beliefs. The effect of literature on society and culture will be briefly examined.

People can convey their cultural ideas, values and beliefs through literature. It is a tool that enables people to tell others about their experiences and share their stories. Literature has the power to promote social change as well as preserve cultures and traditions. We can encounter other viewpoints and opinions through reading literature. This can aid in fostering empathy and understanding for people and cultures other than our own. We can learn about the lives and experiences of others through literature, which can increase our tolerance and acceptance of them.

Literature frequently questions our presumptions and beliefs, forcing us to critically consider the world around us. It can assist us in challenging the status quo and conceiving novel social possibilities. Literature can serve as forum for social and political commentary that motivates readers to act and effect change. The values and beliefs of a culture can be influenced by literature. It can alter how people view themselves and their surroundings by introducing fresh viewpoints, challenging accepted beliefs, and challenging conventional wisdom. Literature can foster a sense of self and community for both individuals and groups.

Literature can affect social change by drawing attention to injustices and fighting for the rights of underrepresented groups. We can better grasp societal problems via literature, and we can be motivated to take action to make the world more just and equitable. Literature has a big influence on culture and society. It gives room for cultural expression, fosters understanding and empathy, stimulates critical thought, molds cultural values and has the potential to spark social change. Reading and participating in literature may deepen our understanding of the world and aid in constructive social and cultural change.

Whether it's through fiction or non-fiction, literature allows us to gain unique insights into other cultures, develop critical thinking and creative problem solving skills, explore new ideas and concepts, engage in important social and cultural conversations and better understand ourselves and other. For these reasons and many more, we should continue to value and promote literature in the modern world.

Literature is an essential part of human culture.... and it's been so far centuries.

Literature has played a key role in.....

- Influencing our understanding of the world.
- Shaping societal norms and values.
- Inspiring us to think critically about the world around us.

Literature remains an important part of our education and cultural landscape. Literature offers unique insights into human behavior. It challenges us to think creatively sparking new ideas and debates. Literature provides a medium through which we can share our experiences and stories. Literature is an ideal medium through which we can explore other perspectives and lifestyles, without having to directly experience them ourselves. Literature challenges us to think outside the box, imagine scenarios and situations that may not exist in the real world and consider different viewpoints. Through Literature, we can imagine new opportunities and possibilities, helping us to develop the creative problem-solving skills needed to excel in today's rapidly changing world. A good opportunity to develop these skills to analyze the read material. In today's fast-paced, hyper-connected world, it can be difficult to find the time and space for deep reflection and introspection. Literature provides a unique opportunity to do just that, exploring new ideas and concepts, expressing our creativity and imagining what may be possible. Reading helps us to develop imaginative thinking, which might be useful in many acres of our lives. Literature allows us to immerse ourselves in unique stories, experiences and perspectives.

This can help us to better understand and empathize with others, sparking new dialogues about important social and cultural issues. These conversations can lead to positive changes in our personal lives and society as a whole. Literature lets us explore different experiences, cultures and points of view. This allows us to gain new knowledge about people's behavior and understand the reasons for their actions better.

Such understanding might be useful not only in our personal lives but also when working with others on a team or making any important decision that affects many people. Literature apart from being a source of entertainment and information has also become somewhat of a conversation striker in the modern society. We often hear successful people talk about the important role played by books in molding their career choices and making them successful. Importance of literature can be felt in modern times as well. Films, plays, music, magazines, comic books etc. are literature in visual form. The actions and illustrations displayed on pages seem to give life to words written there. In the 21st Century, literature exists as an expression of art, a source of knowledge and instrument of entertainment. Literature stays with us forever in our minds and our hearts, owning a part of ourselves, and playing a critical role in everyday life. Literature also helps us better comprehend modern day issues like human conflict, wars and sufferings. Thus, literature reflects how the society works, and functions. In the modern world, the role of literature in society assumes added significance because of the impact it creates by shaping our thoughts and behavior.

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