

Introduction to Literature

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1. The study of Literature (Lit.) is very interesting since it involves the critical reading and analysis of different kinds of written materials.
2. **Literature** refers to «pieces of writing that are considered as works of art produced mainly in a given language, a given writing body about a given subject for different purposes like: novels, stories, plays and poems».
3. **Kinds of Lit.**

Literature can be classified into:

Fiction	Non-Fiction
-imaginary -based on writer's imagination rather than reality. -Includes : poems, short stories, novels...	-factual writing -gives facts that can be proved -includes : real places, time, events, characters. -includes : biographies, auto-biographies, essays, journals, magazines... ‘

Lit. Studies are based mainly on fictional Lit.:

- Drama (plays)
- Fiction (stories)
- Poetry (poems)

4. Elements of the story :

- **Author** : refers to the writer.
- **Setting** : places, time.
- **Plot** : refers to the chain of related story events that represents mainly the Conflict between person/animal and another (or groups).
- **Theme** : refers to the main idea of the story.
- **Characters** : are persons/ animals.
- **Style** : refers to the way the story is written (techniques).
- **Language** : part of the style.

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