



THE USE OF LITERATURE IN LANGUAGE TEACHING

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Abstract

Focusing on linguistic elements only does not help language learners communicate fluently in the target language. However, the use of literary texts provides an authentic model for learners that supports their language enrichment. Unlike informational materials literary texts stimulate the language acquisition process. The inclusion of literature in language teaching has been considered advantageous in language learning because it advances learners' competence in all language skills. This study investigated the benefits of using literature in language teaching and found that literature in language teaching is a perfect opportunity to sharpen language awareness.

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