

1. everything in print

litera

belles lettres

Holy Scriptures (scribere) = Písmo Svaté

Co je psáno, to je dáno.

V novinách psali

rules of the free market

the Internet

oral literature and oral performance

too general a concept

2. great works only

useful for pedagogical purposes

who decides?

broader understanding of literary development, continuity of literary tradition

3. art (imaginative literature, Wortkunst, slovesnost) working with language as a material

language use:

language foregrounded, draws attention to itself (sound, images)

not only WHAT but primarily HOW it is said

Language of science: clear, universal, definite, unambiguous, 1 meaning, 1 interpretation

Literary language: metaphorical, playful, ambiguous, multiple meanings

Language of science refers to the outside world (extralinguistic reality), is a medium only

Literary language: refers to the outside world but also creates a world of its own, medium and ultimate end, crafted, aesthetic

What is literature for? What is/are its function/s ?

Functions of literature:

- aesthetic (pleasure in form)
- informative
- cognitive (recognition)
- didactic (sense of values)
- expressive
- empathic
- cathartic (cleansing)
- entertaining

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HORACE: *dulce et utile* (sweet and useful)

pure sound and image, no relation to the human world

art for art's sake

- not compulsory

- not a bore

vs instruction

marxism (art as „superstructure“)

- deserves attention

- not a waste of time

gives a sense of achievement and satisfaction