

What Is Literature and Why Do We Study It?

- Literature is
 - Composition that tells a story, dramatizes a situation, expresses emotions, analyzes and advocates ideas
 - Helps us grow personally and intellectually
 - Provides an objective base for knowledge and understanding
 - Shapes our goals and values by clarifying our own identities, both positively and negatively
 - Literature makes us human.

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Tone and Style (cont'd)

- Language may be:
 - Specific = images
 - General = broad classes
 - Concrete = qualities of immediate perception
 - Abstract = broader, less palpable qualities
 - Denotation = word meanings
 - Connotation = word suggestions
 - Verbal irony = contradictory statements
 - One thing said, opposite is meant
 - Irony = satire, parody, sarcasm, double entendre
 - Understatement = does not fully describe the importance of a situation – deliberately
 - Hyperbole (overstatement) = words far in excess of the situation
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