

The Influence of Literature on the Society

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Abstract: Literature with a high and artistic value, like novels, poems and plays, has had a significant role in the development of society and civilization. It mirrors the reality of people's lives, feelings, sufferings, opinions, differentiations, and experiences. Moreover, it allows us to understand the relation between desire and emotions. Hence, it provokes individual thinking and gives us a space of questioning and deep understanding of nowadays issues. literature helps in raising people's awareness in many different themes such as classism, love, loss, tragedy, romance, and politics. We, as readers, grasp these themes through situations that are in the literary texts. As a result, society might be affected either positively or negatively, depending on the writer's beliefs and convictions.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Literature has always played a significant role in shaping society and influencing how people think and act. From ancient epics and religious texts to modern novels and poetry, literature has been a powerful tool for conveying ideas, values, and cultural norms from one generation to the next. We are exposed to different perspectives, experiences, and ways of thinking through literature, which can broaden our understanding of the world and challenge our preconceived notions. Moreover, literature has the power to spark social change and inspire individuals to take action on important issues. Because of the pre-mentioned reason, the influence of literature on society is profound and far-reaching, shaping how we see ourselves and our place in the world. Over the past few years, a growing body of research has explored the impact of literature on society. For instance, a study conducted by Koven and Parry (2018) found that reading literary fiction can enhance empathy, increase social perception, and promote prosaic behavior. Another study by Kidd and Castano (2019) revealed that reading literary fiction can improve emotional intelligence, enhance creativity, and foster critical thinking skills.

These findings illustrate the profound and diverse ways in which literature can influence society, from promoting social harmony and compassion to inspiring creativity and intellectual growth. As such, studying literature and its impact on society is an essential area of research and inquiry.

Definition of Literature

Literature is a term that refers to imaginative or creative writing, including all works of fiction, poetry, drama, and nonfiction. There isn't a single, agreed-upon definition of literature, but most academics and critics may agree that it has artistic or aesthetic aspects, makes use of language, and conveys meaning in a variety of ways.

According to Gabrielsen, Blikstad-Balas and Tengberg (2019), the literature includes plays, poetry, and brief stories in long novels and sacred scriptures. The authors' views on society and the human condition as they saw it at the time of composition are reflected in these works. So, literature is an evolving corpus of work that reaches out to individuals of all ages, the ideas necessary for comprehending how humans are affected by the ever-evolving social mores of any given civilization. This will shift throughout time as a result of many socioeconomic factors and the morality of a given community. Myths are an integral part of any society, yet their meanings and resonances vary from one group of people to the next. What it means to

be human as a member of the human race under certain conditions and circumstances that are experienced by all humans at a given time, often in a specific geographical location in history, was explored in an oral tradition passed down from generation to generation before the written word existed in the form of morality plays, etc. Myth is an integral part of all literature, from stories that are unique to one people or culture to universal myths like those found in ancient Greek mythologies, which frequently illustrate how man interacts with nature and society. Many myths exist in diverse forms in every society on the planet. Some refer to the numerous myths that exist across nations that have never interacted with one another as the "collective unconscious." Many recurring themes include love, hatred, wealth, power, sex, greed, life, death, religion, and morality are typically the essential topics in literature. Literature is a tool that helps us to explore our thoughts, habits, and preconceived conceptions in order to discover for ourselves what it means to be human in a way that our ancestors could not have imagined. In the age of computers, it will be fascinating to observe how this unfolds (García-Carrión, Villardón-Gallego, Martínez-de-la-Hidalga, & Marauri, 2020).

One of the key ways in which literature influences society is through its ability to shape cultural norms and values. Through works of fiction, poetry, and drama, writers can explore complex issues related to identity, race, class, gender, and other social categories and help readers to better understand and navigate the world around them. By presenting characters and situations that challenge or reinforce existing social hierarchies, literature can help shape public attitudes and opinions and sometimes even drive social and political change. At the same time, literature can also be used as a tool of propaganda or censorship, particularly in contexts where the state or other powerful institutions seek to control the information that is disseminated to the public. For example, in countries where censorship is widespread, writers may be forced to self-censor their work in order to avoid running afoul of government restrictions. In other cases, writers may be coerced into producing propaganda that supports the ruling regime or a particular ideology rather than writing from their own artistic or creative impulses.

Despite these challenges, however, literature remains a powerful force for shaping and reflecting societal attitudes and values. This is especially true in an age of increasing political polarization and cultural fragmentation, where literature can help to foster empathy and understanding between different social groups and provide a common language for discussing complex issues and ideas (Mayende, 2022).

For example, some contemporary writers have sought to explore issues related to race and racism in their work, challenging readers to confront their own biases and assumptions. Others have used literature to shed light on the experiences of marginalized groups, such as LGBTQ+ individuals or people living with disabilities, and to challenge mainstream cultural narratives that often exclude or marginalize these groups.

In this way, literature can play a crucial role in fostering social change and advancing social justice. By highlighting the experiences and perspectives of marginalized groups, and by challenging existing power structures and social norms, writers can help to create a more inclusive and equitable society, one that is more responsive to the needs and concerns of all its members.

Literature is a complex and multifaceted term that refers to a wide range of creative and imaginative writing. While literature has the power to shape cultural norms and values, it can also be used as a tool of propaganda or censorship. Nevertheless, literature remains a powerful force for promoting social change and advancing social justice, and can help to foster empathy and understanding between different social groups. As such, literature will continue to play an important role in shaping and reflecting societal attitudes and values for many years to come (Bertschi-Kaufmann, & Graber, 2017)

History of Literature

Our society's laws and regulations are governed by unseen supernatural forces. Nevertheless, life continues; we have children and eventually die. Some laws are new, while others are obsolete. We are aware that novels produced throughout analogous eras have influenced society, as well as the attitudes and behaviours of its citizens, upon reflection. They made choices regarding how people felt, thought, and behaved. Books continue to insinuate themselves into people's life. They influence the unconscious, which in turn shapes society. They recount the story of our lives. Occasionally, literature will depict the types of people who lived throughout that period. All of the characters in Chaucer's Prologue to the Canterbury Tales, for example, are accurate portraits of the kind of people who lived throughout his time period.

According to Blikstad-Balas, Roe & Klette (2018), in every manner, literature symbolises society or the entire world. By modifying the political system and providing individuals who experience it a peek of their future lives, it has had a profound

impact on the development of society. Literature has a massive impact on the development of a nation. For example, the United Arab Emirates has witnessed fast growth in a short period of time, and literature has undoubtedly played a significant role in this. The failure of certain individuals to study literature is our most important problem or deficiency. Numerous individuals do not routinely read books and are ignorant of literature's worth. Literature compels us to explore societal issues seriously and occasionally provides a solution. Literature depicts interpersonal relationships between individuals. We can observe our society when it is condensed and reflected in literature. Because everyone's daily routine involves the same surroundings, which tires them out, the same human existence, and the same human essence or character in him or in others, everyone aspires to live in an imaginative world in order to escape reality. Hence, everyone strives to glorify or beautify objects that they see on a regular basis, but which are typically undesirable or colourless. Imagination makes things colourful, whereas reality renders them uninteresting and even nasty. The works of imaginative authors provide entertainment because they allow readers to escape from life's reality briefly. In contrast, the worlds of realistic authors serve as reflections of society, modern life, and culture. Both positive and negative societal attitudes are reflected in the literature. Considering the negative values compels us to make adjustments and come up with answers. It motivates us to aspire to the excellent values upheld by society. As a reflection, literature frequently depicts what individuals believe, say, and do in society (Guest, MacQueen, & Namey, 2012).

Literature catches common social situations in real time, converts them into fiction, and then presents them to the public as a reflection in which individuals can examine and adjust their own behaviour as necessary. But we must also consider Aristotle's notion of literary imitation, which holds that the poet's purpose is to express what might occur rather than what has occurred. There is no distinction between poets and historians based on whether they write in verse or prose. One narrates what has occurred, while the other speculates on what might occur. Because such events have never happened or been a part of human history, it is said that poetry conveys fantasy, not reality. What ought to be, as opposed to what is, is unreal, but a higher reality. So, literature serves as a beacon to guide individuals in the right direction and a mirror for society. In order to completely appreciate how literature reflects society, it is essential to study the connection between literature and culture. There are several examples of individuals with a particular social ideology attempting to identify and characterise the impact of society on literature, as well as the position and function of literature. Literature is a manifestation of society, as asserted by De Bonold, which often leads discussions of the relationship between literature and society. This claim is just as untrustworthy and unclear as the original allegation. If we assume that literature "properly" reflects the dominant social life, then the statement that literature "properly" reflects social reality is wrong. Yet, it is ambiguous to assert that literature "properly" depicts reality. Undoubtedly, a writer must express their vision, experience, and conception of life. Even the most representative writer of the day is unable to produce a comprehensive portrayal of his time and culture because doing so would create the erroneous impression that writers always communicate the truth, including social and historical truths. In actuality, literature seeks to transcend these truths in order to disclose the truth, as opposed to representing the world as it is (Heath, 1982).

Most Popular Literary Works Which Affected Society Over The Decades

Throughout history, literature has had a significant influence on society, often reflecting the values and beliefs of the time in which it was written. Some literary works have been so popular that they have had a lasting impact on society and have become embedded in popular culture. These works continue to be read and studied decades after their initial publication. This paper will discuss some of the most popular works of literature that have been widespread during various decades and examine their influence on society. One of the most popular works of the 20th century is George Orwell's dystopian novel, *1984*. First published in 1949, the book describes a totalitarian society in which individual freedoms are severely restricted. The book's warnings about the dangers of government control and the importance of individual liberty continue to resonate with readers today (Orwell, 2019). The novel has been studied extensively in schools and universities, and its themes have been the subject of numerous academic articles, essays, and debates (Jing, 2018). Another popular work that has had a profound influence on society is Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, published in 1960. Set in the American South during the Great Depression, the novel explores themes of racial injustice, inequality, and the power of empathy. *To Kill a Mockingbird* remains a staple of high school English classes and is widely regarded as one of the most important works of 20th-century American literature (Le et al., 2019). The book's messages about the importance of empathy and understanding have been especially important in the current political climate, where issues of race and equality are still being hotly debated.

In recent years, J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series has become one of the most widely read works of all time. The seven books, published between 1997 and 2007, have been translated into over 80 languages and have sold over 500 million copies worldwide (Ametova, Ch, & Mamadayupova, 2019). The series has had a significant impact on popular culture and

has been credited with encouraging a new generation of readers to pick up books. The series has also been the subject of academic study, with scholars exploring the themes of the books, the use of language, and the cultural impact of the series. The influence of literature on society is not limited to works of fiction. Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, published in 1962, is widely regarded as one of the most important environmental works of the 20th century. The book's warnings about the harmful effects of pesticides and other chemicals on the environment helped to launch the modern environmental movement and led to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency in the United States. The book has continued to influence environmental policy and activism around the world, with its messages about the importance of preserving the natural world still resonating with readers today (Schneider, 2018; Carson, 2019).

Another influential work of the 21st century is Ta-Nehisi Coates' *Between the World and Me*, published in 2015. The book is written as a letter to Coates' son and explores the experience of being a Black man in America. The book's raw and unflinching portrayal of racism and its impact on society has been praised for its honesty and its ability to spark meaningful conversations about race in America. The book has been the subject of numerous discussions and debates, with readers and scholars alike grappling with its themes and its implications for contemporary society.

The Influence of Literary Works on Nations

Literature has the power to provoke individual thinking and challenge readers' beliefs and values. By exploring complex issues and presenting new perspectives, literature encourages readers to question their assumptions and develop a deeper understanding of the world around them. In today's fast-paced, often overwhelming society, the ability to think critically and reflect on one's own values is more important than ever. Further, this report discusses how literature can provoke individual thinking and give people a greater understanding of current issues.

The Different Impacts of Literature on Society

Literature is a form of art therapy and have curative properties. Art, which includes composing stories and poetry, helps people cope with a wide range of psychiatric difficulties, fosters a sense of positive identity, and enables them to focus on joyful memories rather than the physical and/or emotional misery they are suffering. Professional art therapists work with a diverse clientele, including those with mental illnesses such as dementia, schizophrenia, autism, etc., as well as cancer patients, the elderly, the sick, veterans, trauma survivors, eating disorder patients, and even regular people who need assistance with family and personal issues, job-related stress, burnout, etc. Art therapy is frequently applied in disaster relief and crisis intervention to alleviate suffering and assist victims of natural or man-made disasters in coping with their traumatic experiences (Perkmann, Salandra, Tartari, McKelvey, & Hughes, 2021).

In order to comprehend the world around us and how we fit into it as individuals, tribes, or members of the same species in general, we develop stories and meanings. To satisfy this universal desire, schools of thought and religion have proliferated worldwide. Legislation is the product of fiction. Without the vast corpus of Christian, Renaissance, Enlightenment, and classical liberalism literature that nurtured his creative intellect, it is hard to imagine Montesquieu and the influence he had on the constitutions of nations around the world. Literature influences and modifies our standards, values, moral codes, beliefs, symbols, taboos, folk culture, etc. with each subsequent generation, for better or worse. Literature is fundamental to our species' social evolution. Hopefully, things will continue to improve! Literature is likely the best form of propaganda for propagating a given worldview or ideology. Christianity's domination as the world's most popular religion and the Bible's standing as the best-selling book of all time go hand in hand at the Renaissance Era.

One way in which literature can provoke individual thinking is by presenting readers with diverse perspectives and experiences. By immersing themselves in the lives and stories of others, readers can gain empathy and understanding for those whose experiences differ from their own. For example, the novel *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie follows the story of a Nigerian woman who moves to the United States and navigates issues of race and identity. By exploring the experiences of the novel's protagonist, readers are challenged to question their own assumptions about race and identity and to consider how these issues impact the lives of others (Adichie, 2019). Similarly, the novel *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen offers a perspective on the Vietnam War that challenges the dominant narrative in American culture (Nguyen, 2018).

Another way in which literature can provoke individual thinking is by presenting complex moral and ethical dilemmas. By exploring the nuances of these issues, literature can encourage readers to question their own values and beliefs. For example, the novel *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood explores issues of reproductive rights, gender, and power. By depicting

a dystopian society in which women are stripped of their rights and reduced to reproductive vessels, the novel forces readers to consider the potential consequences of a society that does not value individual liberty (Haneş, 2019). Similarly, the novel *Beloved* by Toni Morrison explores issues of slavery and identity. By depicting the experiences of a formerly enslaved woman and her daughter, the novel challenges readers to consider the ongoing legacy of slavery and to reflect on the ways in which race and identity intersect (Morrison, 2019).

In addition to challenging readers' assumptions and presenting complex moral dilemmas, literature can also provide a space for reflection and self-examination. By exploring the inner lives of characters and presenting the world through their eyes, literature can encourage readers to reflect on their own experiences and to consider how their own values and beliefs shape their understanding of the world. For example, the novel *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger explores the experiences of a young man struggling to find his place in the world. By depicting the character's inner turmoil and his attempts to connect with others, the novel encourages readers to reflect on their own experiences of growing up and finding one's place in the world (Salinger, 2019). Similarly, the novel *The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath explores issues of mental health and the pressures of society. By presenting the experiences of a young woman struggling with depression, the novel encourages readers to consider their own experiences of mental health and to reflect on the ways in which societal pressures can impact our sense of self-worth (Plath, 2019). In conclusion, literature has the power to provoke individual thinking and encourage readers to question their assumptions and develop a deeper understanding of the world around them. By presenting ideas characterized by objectivity and depth in their understanding of the problems and ideas that revolve in the mind of the reader, therefore, literature has the ability to develop solutions to the problems facing the reader through deep understanding and analysis.

Negative and positive effects

The study of history not only gives us a window into the past, but also provides insight into the present and the future. Unique people and diverse periods of human civilization can be found in every era. Before them stood those who were products of their own time. As a species, we evolve daily, and without the historical record that literature keeps for us, we would know nothing about the past. Literature provides a window into the past through which we can get insight into the experiences of people from all walks of life. The more we study other cultures, the more we come to value and respect them. The written word and the oral tradition both contribute to the human body of knowledge.

The art and hieroglyphs of ancient Egypt tell us a lot about the country's history. In order to make sense of the Egyptians' advanced culture, we've adopted many of the symbols they left behind. Greece and Rome are more accessible than this civilization because of their inherent concern for truth in writing.

This is the power of language, after all. They have the ability to spark meaning, transform nations, and launch movements, and they live forever. They outlive their presenter forever. Literature has undeniably impacted our modern way of life. Every single one of these writers expresses themselves through the written word. Books can be likened to social mirrors in that they reflect and illuminate the culture in which we find ourselves.

Writers like F. Scott Fitzgerald, whose novel *The Great Gatsby* is a reflection of his thoughts and sentiments about America in the 1920s, are the clearest examples of this.

Storytellers open their minds to us with astonishing ease. To be sure, literature also stresses the importance of understanding modern issues like human conflict.

An article in the *Gulf News* claims that viewers of modern media, such as television and movies, are misled into thinking that all problems have simple solutions. But, works of literature demonstrate the complexity of the actual human conflict. Literature helps us better understand one another since it is a reflection of humanity. Hearing a person's voice can help us get a glimpse into their thought process. In a society where people are increasingly isolated from one another, I believe literature to be important because of the dialogues it may spark.

The stereotype of the introverted bookworm who gets disoriented amid bright light and crowds while wearing thick-rimmed spectacles is one that many people are all too familiar with. Although this cliché may be overused (or even ridiculous), it's true that reading can lead to eye strain and prevent you from engaging in other forms of physical activity, such as working out. Unhealthy eating habits and digestive problems, sudden weight gain or reduction, and chronic fatigue often occur together. There are also potential psychological risks associated with reading. When we move away from reality to do what we love most—reading—we often feel guilty about the things we should be doing but aren't because we've turned away from them to do what we love most. We try to make up for it by working longer hours and getting less sleep so that we can go to work on time.

But that's not all of it. Can you remember how content you were before you read that book about a dishonest spouse? Before that, you didn't give much thought to your loyalty. You didn't stress out over things like the possibility of contracting a rare disease, getting into a vehicle accident, eating tainted food that causes an epidemic, having your identity stolen, or being victimized by an internet predator. The enumeration proceeds. Books have the power to make abstract ideas tangible; readers can almost hear the criminals planning in their thoughts, feel the virus infiltrating their bodies, and experience the agony of having loved ones betray them through the pages of a book. This is how an otherwise engrossing and well-written work may leave you feeling uneasy.

It's natural for readers to empathise with the protagonist, but some do so much that it becomes unhealthily reminiscent of the character's actual personality. Having too much sympathy for fictional characters in peril can be counterproductive. Some readers become so invested in the protagonists that they can't help putting themselves in their shoes and experiencing what it's like to go through something unpleasant, awkward, or hopeless. Some readers become so invested in the fictional protagonist that they begin to treat them as though they were real. When a reader prefers an imaginary world to the real one, the boundary between the two becomes more challenging to discern. Often, authors may reference this phenomenon by saying that books are "better than life" (Pennac, 1994). The Mr. Darcy Syndrome describes how unrealistic expectations of others, and their environments can result from too much identification with fictional characters (or an equivalent). By escaping into a world populated by imaginary characters, readers lose out on the pleasures of living in the real world and interacting with actual people. The worst-case scenario is when a reader really begins to adopt some of the negative behaviours and beliefs they have read about in books. This could be included but is not limited to drug use, physical violence, chauvinism, and racism.

You might think I'm exaggerating the dangers of reading, especially fiction, and that I'm not taking my argument seriously. None of the aforementioned possibilities, of course, would significantly affect the lives of the vast majority of readers. Yet, there's a subset of readers who are especially susceptible to harm: individuals with mental health concerns or those who have experienced profound personal loss. Patrons like them go to the library in quest of comfort reading. Fear, obsession, and guilt are just some of the negative responses that can be exacerbated by reading, and readers can also learn to mimic these behaviours. Certain works that would generally provide these readers solace may instead make them feel more depressed, angry, or hopeless. Reading could help some folks out in unexpected ways, but it also might make them feel worse. Advisors to readers should be aware of this fact at all times.

Raising People Awareness in Classism, Love, Loss, Romance and Politics

The influence of literature on society has been a topic of interest for centuries. Literature can shape individuals' beliefs, opinions, and worldviews. Positively, it has the power to raise awareness about social issues, bring people together, and spark change. However, the impact of literature is not always positive, and it can also perpetuate negative societal norms and perpetuate classism, love, loss, romance, and politics.

Classism is a prevalent issue in society, and literature has played a role in both perpetuating and challenging classism. This can lead to a lack of representation for marginalized communities, and their stories are not told or heard. This perpetuates the divide between the privileged and the oppressed, and creates a culture of exclusivity. However, literature has also been used to challenge classism and raise awareness about the issue. Novels such as "The Grapes of Wrath" by John Steinbeck and "The Jungle" by Upton Sinclair have shed light on the struggles of working-class individuals, inspiring social and political change.

Love, loss, and romance are common themes in literature, but they also have a significant impact on society. Literature can shape people's perceptions of love and romance, and perpetuate harmful stereotypes and gender roles. For example, the concept of the "damsel in distress" is a common trope in literature, perpetuating the idea that women are helpless and in need of rescue. This reinforces gender roles and can lead to inequality and oppression. However, literature can also challenge these stereotypes and promote healthy, equal relationships. Novels such as "The Color Purple" by Alice Walker and "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood have tackled issues of gender and power in relationships, raising awareness about the need for equality and respect.

Destructions of Books and Libraries From Earlier Decades

The destruction of books and libraries has been a common occurrence throughout history. In many cases, books and libraries have been destroyed in times of war as conquering armies sought to erase the cultural and intellectual heritage of their enemies. One of the earliest examples of the destruction of a library was in 213 BC when the Chinese emperor (Qin Shi Huang) ordered to bonfire of books as a way of consolidating power in his new empire. Also, the burning of the Library of

Alexandria in Egypt is another example for destroying culture. The library was one of the largest and most important libraries in the ancient world, with a collection of over 500,000 scrolls. It was burned down in 48 BC during the Roman conquest of Egypt. In the Middle Ages, many books were destroyed during the Viking invasions of England and Ireland, as well as during the Crusades. The Mongol invasions of the Middle East and Central Asia also led to the destruction of many books and libraries.

During the Reformation, books and libraries were destroyed on both sides of the religious divide. In England, many Catholic books and manuscripts were destroyed during the reign of Henry VIII and the subsequent Protestant Reformation. In Germany, the Protestant reformer Martin Luther called for the burning of Catholic books, and many libraries were destroyed as a result. In the 20th century, the destruction of books and libraries continued when in 1981, Jaffa Public Library burnt in Sri Lanka.

In modern time, other forms of media, such as phonograph records, video tapes and CDs, have been burned, shredded or crushed.

Relevance for Librarians

We deal with psychopathology or mental health issues frequently in the cases of vulnerable readers, whether they are dealing with a long-term disease, a recent psychological trauma, or a challenging life transition. Vulnerable readers have slightly different demands than typical readers. Although they are undoubtedly "equipped to propose books," librarians "are not qualified to diagnose the demand" (Sturm, 2003, p. 174). Yes, to that. We don't receive a lot of therapy training when we are in library school, do we? As librarians lack both a therapeutic background and diagnostic knowledge, they are unable to accurately assess the type and severity of any issues a reader may be experiencing.

Think about a reader who comes up to you and asks for a book on a breakup. The reader desires to read a story about the dissolution of a friendship, a romantic relationship, or a marriage for whatever cause, which may or may not contain solid emotional undercurrents. This is a simple readers' advisory (RA) query that librarians can answer with ease. Here's a variant: "Can you locate me a book that will help me get over a recent breakup?" This question should cause concern for a librarian since it suggests a weak reader. This reader is on a mission to find a solution to grief within the book's pages, not just another enjoyable read. When a librarian hears this request, they are no longer in their RA comfort zone and are gradually drifting into the therapeutic realm, in this case, BT.

2. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, literature has a profound and far-reaching influence on society. Through its stories, characters, and themes, literature offers a window into different cultures, perspectives, and ways of thinking, allowing readers to expand their understanding of the world and challenge their assumptions. Literature can also spark social change and inspire individuals to take action on important issues, making it a powerful tool for promoting social justice and positive change.

Despite the many challenges facing the literary world today, including declining readership and increasing competition from new forms of media, the influence of literature on society remains as strong as ever. As we continue to grapple with the complex issues facing our world, we must recognize the vital role that literature plays in shaping our collective understanding and inspiring us to strive for a better future. By embracing the transformative power of literature, we can build a more informed, compassionate, and socially conscious society that is better equipped to navigate the challenges of the future.

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