THE IMPORTANCE OF TEACHING LITERATURE

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Teaching literature is not easy as it sounds. It requires thorough understanding towards one literary piece. It also requires a lot of passion in terms of reading and managing the class, because the learners may not be interested in it. In spite of such thing, we still have to teach it to our learners to develop and mold their perspective in life. Literature is not just a mere subject matter; it is also a philosophical matter that is really crucial in our lives. It does help us to cope with societal issues.

In line with this, we, teachers, need to encourage our learners to develop love and passion for reading. It would help them ascend their knowledge in absorbing a lot of vocabularies to respond properly and accurately in different issues. Moreover, it would strengthen their cognitive development domain as it encourages learners to have a deeper thought towards literature. According to Donna Norton (2010) in her book entitled “Through the Eyes of a Child” learner’s work is significant because it offers learners with chances to response to literature; it supports student’s ripen emotional intelligence and resourcefulness; it fosters growth and development of the student’s persona and social skills.

Furthermore, teaching literature provides an avenue for the learners to learn and acquaint them with their own cultural heritage. With this, we are not just exposing them with their cultural heritage but also we are helping them to practice, mold, and preserve their rich culture. It would also develop a positive attitude towards own culture for social and personal development. Lastly, literature helps us to connect with the lives of others: their experiences, suffering, enjoyment, and success.
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