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Importance of English Literature in Education

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Abstract: The purpose of the research is English literature has long been an important part of the primary and secondary school curriculum in many countries. With the advent of technology and other factors, it is not clear what role, if any, this will play in the future. A study was undertaken to investigate the opinions of educators on the role of English literature in education. The findings support the idea that despite technological advances, educators feel that English literature is still an important part of the primary and secondary school curriculum. Literature can indeed be recognized as a tool for learning. However, the effectiveness of literature in education is not always evident or easily understood. This paper explores how some of literature's strengths can be used to aid language learners and how its weaknesses can be avoided in order to produce the most effective results when using literature for teaching English as a second language (ESL).

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