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INTRODUCTION

About the book and the course

This book is designed to assist students and teachers of *Introduction to Literature* course by providing hands-on materials to enable students to appreciate and analyze literary works using basic literary theories. The book also highlights the importance of reflection to draw meanings closer to students' personal life and to incite their creativity while doing reflection.

Introduction to Literature course aims at facilitating students to acquire some basic literary terms, tools, and techniques for understanding, appreciating, and critically analyzing three genres of literature: prose, poetry, and drama. It aims at generating critical thinking skills as we read, analyze, and discuss a variety of stories, poems and plays. It will discuss how creative literature directly relates to the personal, social, political, ecological, and spiritual aspects of our life.

Having completed the course, the students are able to develop their: *competence*, *conscience*, and *compassion*, as elaborated below.

Competence:

- 1) Identifying some of the major differences between fiction, poetry, drama and the qualities intrinsic to each.
- 2) Defining key literary terms.
- 3) Analyzing the intrinsic elements of short stories (plot, setting, character, theme, point of view, figurative languages, symbols, etc.)
- 4) Identifying elements of play and analyzing the play.

Conscience:

By reading and subsequently writing about literary works, their authors, and the culture and society that produce them, the students are to develop their habits of reading as well as to increase their creativity and innovation, not only for their own joy of learning, but also for cultivating personal reflexivity and societal sensitivity.

Compassion:

Having learned about different literature from different parts of the world, by the end of the course the students may manifest in their life greater concerns for others and respect for human dignity, with which they strive for the greater glory of God.

PREFACE

Integrating literature in educational field is needed so that learners will not only gain the competence or the knowledge of a certain subject, they can also learn to be a better person in the future. Knowing the benefit of this integration, English Language Education Study Program of Sanata Dharma continuously and consistently maintains it by having several courses on literature. There are *Introduction to Literature*, *Prose*, *Poetry*, *Drama*, and *Play Performance*. Those courses are real implementation of the study program's effort to sustain the integration. Some literary courses do not have a book for learning process especially for the first important course that is *Introduction to Literature*. Due to that reason, designing the materials especially in form of a book for students is needed.

The writer also combines Ignatian Pedagogy as the spirit of Sanata Dharma University, the use of technology including "Belajar" as the learning platform, and recent news related to the topics in this book. The implementation of Ignatian Pedagogy can be divided into three sections in each chapter of this book, namely:

- a) Do I know? (Context)
- b) Let's explore (Experience)
- c) Creative Reflection (Reflection)

The writers hope that readers can explore and understand their own self in order to be able to act in the future after finishing those sections. The use of technology is applied by completing the exercises that can improve their language skills and publishing the result to the university Learning Management System "Belajar" so that they can learn from each other.

Considering the fact that many students of ELESP are interested in analyzing literary works for their thesis, this book also proposes some worksheets and some examples of literary works. In accordance with the materials, this book does not only provide some links to short stories, novels, but also poems, plays from different countries including Indonesia. In a nutshell, the materials and the exercises in each unit enable readers to learn literature and find their own ways to explore it.

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