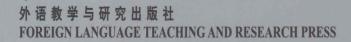
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- 正课文(Text A)
- 副课文(Text B)
- 副课文(Text C)
- 学术听力 ( Listening: Lecture/Interview )
- 学术口语 (Speaking: Discussion/Seminar/Presentation)
- 论文写作(Writing: Research Paper Project)
- 重点术语和参考网站(Reference: Key Terms and Websites for Further Study)

#### 本书内容简介

现将本书各单元的内容简介如下:

Text A 由Lead-in、Text A、词表、注释和练习五部分组成。课文前的导入部分通过思考题、问答题等让学生先对相关话题作独立思考或者搜集背景知识,以便更好地理解课文。课文注释采用脚注,主要介绍作者、重要人物、概念、事件等。练习部分主要包括以下两个方面:

- 批判性阅读和思考(Critical reading and thinking): 不仅考查学生对文章意思的理解, 也培养批判、质疑精神和独立思考能力。其中的讨论题可以结合Speaking中的学术口语 策略使用。
- 语言训练(Language building-up):帮助学生学习学术英语的表达规范、了解专业领域的术语并加强正式文体的语感。

Text B 由Text B、词表、注释和练习组成。其中的练习分为两部分:第一部分是批判性阅读与思考(Critical reading and thinking);第二部分是拓展性的研究(Researching),该板块要求学生结合本单元所学的专业知识完成一项小型的调查研究或自学任务。

Text C 由Text C、词表、注释和练习组成,补充介绍与专业相关的常识。

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Reference 汇总了本单元课文中出现的重点专业术语,并提供了课外学习的参考网站。

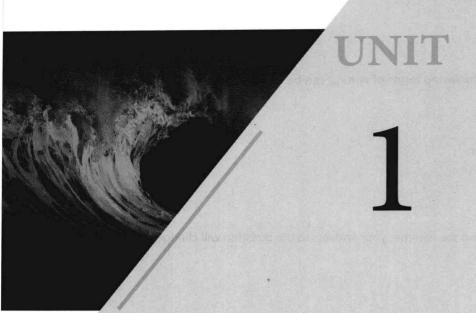
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# The Art of Literature

What is literature? What is not literature? What makes us treat something as literature while dismissing others as non-literature? These questions are rarely answered clearly. This unit focuses on the nature of literature.



# Lead-in

Task /	Do you think the following forms of writing	g can be counted as literature?	Tick (√) you
	answers.		

□ news report

□ novel

□ research paper

□ diary

□ poem

□ letter

Now read Text A and see whether your answers to the question will change.

# The Scope and Content of Literature

Kenneth Rexroth



<sup>1</sup> This text is adapted from "The Art of Literature", published in *The Encyclopedia Britannica* (15th Edition, 1974) and reprinted in *World Outside the Window: Selected Essays of Kenneth Rexroth* (New Directions, 1987). Kenneth Rexroth (1905-1982) was an American poet, translator and critical essayist.

## Scope of literature

- Literature is a form of human expression. But not everything expressed in words even when organized and written down is counted as literature. Those writings that are primarily informative technical, scholarly, journalistic would be excluded from the rank of literature by most, although not all, critics. Certain forms of writing, however, are universally regarded as belonging to literature as an art. Individual attempts within these forms are said to succeed if they possess something called artistic merit and to fail if they do not. The nature of artistic merit is less easy to define than to recognize. The writer need not even pursue it to attain it. On the contrary, a scientific exposition might be of great literary value and a pedestrian poem of none at all.
- The purest (or, at least, the most intense) literary form is the lyric poem, and after it comes elegiac, epic, dramatic, narrative, and expository verse. Most theories of literary criticism base themselves on an analysis of poetry, because the aesthetic problems of literature are there presented in their simplest and purest form. Poetry that fails as literature is not called poetry at all but verse. Many novels certainly all the world's great novels are literature, but there are thousands that are not so considered. Most great dramas are considered literature.
- The Greeks thought of history as one of the seven arts, inspired by a goddess, the muse Clio<sup>2</sup>. All of the world's classic surveys of history can stand as noble examples of the art of literature, but most historical works and studies today are not written primarily with literary excellence in mind, though they may possess it, as it were, by accident.
- 4 The essay was once written deliberately as a piece of literature; its subject matter was of comparatively minor importance. Today most essays are written as expository, informative journalism, although there are still essayists in the great tradition who think of themselves as artists. Now, as in the past, some of the greatest essayists are critics of literature, drama, and the arts.
- Some personal documents (autobiographies, diaries, memoirs, and letters) rank among the world's greatest literature. Some examples of this biographical literature were written with posterity in mind, others with no thought of their being read by anyone but the writer. Some are in a highly polished literary style; others win their standing as literature because of their cogency, insight, depth, and scope.
- 6 Many works of philosophy are classed as literature. The Dialogues<sup>3</sup> of Plato (4th century

<sup>2</sup> Clio: the muse of history in Greek mythology 克利俄(希腊神话中九位缪斯女神之一,主管历史)

<sup>3</sup> *Dialogues*: philosophical dialogues written by Plato (柏拉图, 427? BC-347? BC), a Greek philosopher whose ideas had a profound influence on Western thought. The pupil of Socrates and teacher of Aristotle, he founded the Academy (school of philosophy) in Athens. Plato set out his views in the *Dialogues*, in which Socrates is the central character who conducts the discussions on a range of subjects, including philosophy, logic, rhetoric, and mathematics. 《对话录》

- BC) are written with great narrative skill and in the finest prose; the *Meditations*<sup>4</sup> of the 2nd-century Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius are a collection of apparently random thoughts, and the Greek in which they are written is eccentric. Yet both are classed as literature, while the speculations of other philosophers, ancient and modern, are not.
- <sup>7</sup> Certain scientific works endure as literature long after their scientific content has become outdated. This is particularly true of books of natural history, where the element of personal observation is of special importance. An excellent example is Gilbert White's *Natural History and Antiquities of Selbourne* <sup>5</sup> (1789).
- Oratory, the art of persuasion, was long considered a great literary art. The oratory of the American Indian, for instance, is famous, while in classical Greece, Polymnia was the muse sacred to poetry and oratory. Rome's great orator Cicero was to have a decisive influence on the development of English prose style. Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address is known to every American schoolchild. Today, however, oratory is more usually thought of as a craft than as an art.
- Most critics would not admit advertising copywriting, purely commercial fiction, or cinema and television scripts as accepted forms of literary expression, although others would hotly dispute their exclusion. The test in individual cases would seem to be one of enduring satisfaction and, of course, truth.
- Indeed, it becomes more and more difficult to categorize literature, for in modern civilization words are everywhere. Man is subject to a continuous flood of communication. Most of it is fugitive, but here and there in high-level journalism, in television, in the cinema, in commercial fiction, in westerns and detective stories, and in plain, expository prose some writing, almost by accident, achieves an aesthetic satisfaction, a depth and relevance that entitle it to stand with other examples of the art of literature.

<sup>4</sup> Meditations: a series of personal writings by Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius (马可·奥勒利乌斯, 121-180). It consists of reflections jotted down by the emperor at odd moments. The charm of the meditations lies in their candor, the writer's stoicism and the admirable human character shown in the writings. 《沉思录》

<sup>5</sup> Natural History and Antiquities of Selbourne: a book by British naturalist Gilbert White (吉尔伯特·怀特, 1720-1793, 英国博物学家), first published in 1789. It was a compilation of letters, in which White detailed the natural history of the area around his family home.《塞尔本博物志和古代文物》(又译《塞尔伯恩博物志及古迹》)

<sup>6</sup> Polymnia: or Polyhymnia, the Muse of sacred song and oratory 波吕许谟尼亚(希腊神话中九位缪斯女神之一, 主管颂歌)

<sup>7</sup> Cicero: Marcus Tullius Cicero (106 BC-43 BC), a Roman politician who was a famous orator and one of the greatest Latin writers. Cicero's name and the adjective "Ciceronian" are sometimes mentioned to suggest eloquence or oratory. 西塞罗(罗马政治家、著名演说家、杰出作家)

<sup>8</sup> **Gettysburg Address:** a speech delivered by US President Abraham Lincoln during the American Civil War, on November 19, 1863, at the dedication of the Soldier's National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 葛底斯堡演讲

## Content of literature

- Themes and their sources. The subject matter of literature is as wide as human experience itself. Myths, legends, and folktales lie at the beginning of literature, and their plots, situations, and allegorical (metaphorical narrative) judgments of life represent a constant source of literary inspiration that never fails. This is so because mankind is constant men share a common physiology. Even social structures, after the development of cities, remain much alike. Whole civilizations have a life pattern that repeats itself through history. Jung's term "collective unconscious9" really means that mankind is one species, with a common fund of general experience. Egyptian scribes and junior executives in New York City live and respond to life in the same ways; the lives of farmers or miners or hunters vary only within narrow limits. Love is love and death is death, for a South African Bushman<sup>10</sup> and a French surrealist alike. So the themes of literature have at once an infinite variety and an abiding constancy. They can be taken from myth, from history, or from contemporary occurrence, or they can be pure invention (but even if they are invented, they are nonetheless constructed from the constant materials of real experience, no matter how fantastic the invention).
- The writer's personal involvement. As time goes on, literature tends to concern itself more and more with the interior meanings of its narrative, with problems of human personality and human relationships. Many novels are fictional, psychological biographies which tell of the slowly achieved integration of the hero's personality or of his disintegration, of the conflict between self-realization and the flow of events and the demands of other people. This can be presented explicitly, where the characters talk about what is going on in their heads. Alternatively, it can be presented by a careful arrangement of objective facts, where psychological development is described purely in terms of behavior, and where the reader's subjective response is elicited by the minute descriptions of physical reality, as in the greatest Chinese novels like *The Dream of the Red Chamber*<sup>11</sup>, which convince the reader that through the novel he is seeing reality itself rather than an artfully contrived semblance of reality.
- Literature, however, is not solely concerned with the concrete, with objective reality, with individual psychology, or with subjective emotion. Some deal with abstract ideas or philosophical conceptions. Much purely abstract writing is considered literature only in the widest sense of the term, and the philosophical works that are ranked as great literature are usually presented with more or less of a sensuous garment.

<sup>9</sup> collective unconscious: a term of analytical psychology introduced by Swiss psychiatrist Carl Jung (荣格, 1875-1961, 瑞士心理学家) who studied the importance of dreams and religion in problems of the mind, and divided people into two groups, introverts and extroverts. Jung developed the idea of the collective unconscious, the belief that people's feelings and reactions are often based on deep memories of human experience in the past. 集体潜意识

<sup>10</sup> **South African Bushman:** the aboriginal people from the southwestern part of Africa, especially the Kalahari desert region 南非(卡拉哈里沙漠地区的)布须曼人

<sup>11</sup> The Dream of the Red Chamber: one of China's Four Great Classical Novels, composed by Cao Xueqin in the middle of the 18th century during the Qing Dynasty《红楼梦》

Thus, Plato's *Dialogues* rank as great literature because the philosophical material is presented in dramatic form, as the dialectical outcome of the interchange of ideas between clearly drawn, vital personalities, and because the descriptive passages are of great lyric beauty. In short, most philosophical works that rank as great literature do so because they are intensely human. (1,236 words)

# New words and expressions

pedestrian /p 3 'destrian/ a. ordinary and boring, without any imagination 平淡无奇的

lyric /'lɪrɪk/ a. (of poetry) expressing direct personal feelings (指诗) 抒情的

elegiac /ˌelaˈidʒarək/ a. relating to an elegy, that is, a poem or other piece of writing expressing sadness, usually about sb's death 挽歌的; 哀悼的

epic /'epik/ a. (of a long poem) about the deeds of one or more great heroes, or a nation's past history 长篇叙事诗的; 史诗的

expository /ɪk'spɒzɪtəri/ a. of, relating to, or containing exposition 说明性的; 阐述性的

verse /v3:s/ n. writing which is arranged in short lines with a regular rhythm; poetry 韵文; 诗

criticism /ˈkrɪt l-sɪzəm/ n. the art of evaluating or analyzing works of art, literature etc. (文学、艺术等的) 评论

aesthetic /es'θet rk/ a. relating to beauty or to the study of the principles of beauty, especially in art 美学的; 审美的

as it were as if it were really so 可以说, 似乎

posterity /pp'ster ti / n. all the people in the future who will be alive after you are dead 后代,后人

cogency /ˈkəudʒənsi/ n. the quality of being logically valid 说服力

eccentric/ik'sentrik/ a. unusual; peculiar; not conventional or normal 怪 异的; 古怪的

antiquity /æn'tɪkw¹əti/ n. (usually pl.) an object or building that existed in ancient times and still exists 古物; 古迹

oratory /'prətri/ n. the skill of making powerful speeches 演讲术, 雄辩术

orator /'ɒrətə/ n. sb. who makes speeches in public, especially sb. who is good at doing this 演说家, 演讲家

copywriting /'kopi,raɪtɪŋ/ n. the act of writing advertising or publicity copy 公 关文案

fugitive /'fju:dʒ-tɪv/ a. (especially of thoughts or feelings) lasting for only a short time; temporary 短暂的; 易逝的

allegorical /ˌæliɡprɪkəl/ a. used in or characteristic of or containing allegory, that is, a story, play, or poem in which the events and characters are used as symbols in order to express a moral, religious, or political idea 寓言的; 讽喻的

metaphorical /,metə'fɒrɪkəl/ a. a metaphorical use of a word is not concerned with real objects or physical events, but with ideas or events of a nonphysical kind 隐喻的

physiology /ˌfɪzi'plədʒi/ n. the way that the body of a particular living thing operates 生理机能

scribe /skraɪb/ n. sb. whose job was to copy documents and books before

printing was invented (印刷术发明之前的) 抄写员, 抄书吏

surrealist/sə'rɪəlast/n. an artist who is a member of a cultural movement called surrealism, which is characterized by unusual combinations of images to represent dreams and unconscious experience 超现实主义者

abiding /ə'baɪdɪŋ/ a. continuing without change 持久的; 永久的

elicit /ɪ'lɪs-t/ vt. succeed in getting information or a reaction from sb., especially when this is difficult 引出,诱出

contrived /kən'traɪvd/ a. artificial or false 人为的; 虚假的

semblance /'semblans/ n. appearance of being sth.; likeness to sth. 外表; 外观; 类似

sensuous /'sensjuəs/ a. giving or expressing pleasure through the physical senses, rather than pleasing the mind or the intelligence 愉悦感官的

dialectical /,daɪə'lektɪkəl/ a. achieved or attempted by dialectic, that is, a method used in philosophy to try to discover truth by considering ideas together with opposite ideas 辩证的

interchange /'Intət∫eɪndʒ/ n. an exchange, especially of ideas or information, between different people or groups (尤指观点或思想的)交流

# **Critical reading and thinking**

# Task 1 / Overview

Summarize the main ideas in Text A by completing the following diagrams.

The author gives his thought on two issues: the scope of literature and the content of literature.

the sucher series is	Some writings would be excluded from the rank of literature by most critics. For example, technical writings,			
Scope of literature	Some writings are classed as literature. For example,			
merature sample sample	Among them, the purest literary form is			
a sufficiency (		and, were once regarded an art, but these days there are changes going on.		
	Themes and sources	an infinite (The themes can be taken from)		
workworks time not with h	a section of background to remake	an abiding, which is caused by		
Content of literature		concerned with : the characters talk about what is going on in their heads		
	Writer's personal involvement	concerned with presented by an arrangement of		

### Task 2 / Points for discussion

Work in pairs and discuss the following questions.

- 1 Literature is a form of human expression. (Para. 1)
  What do human beings want to express through literature? What are the other forms of human expression?
- 2 The nature of artistic merit is less easy to define than to recognize. The writer need not even pursue it to attain it. (Para. 1)

  How do you understand these lines? Do you agree with the author's view?
  - Why or why not?
- 3 The test in individual cases would seem to be one of enduring satisfaction and, of course, truth. (Para. 9)
  - What does this sentence mean?
- 4 Even social structures, after the development of cities, remain much alike. Whole civilizations have a life pattern that repeats itself through history. (Para. 11)
  Do you agree with these words? Do you think that the themes of literature have an abiding constancy? Why or why not?
- 5 Many novels are fictional, psychological biographies which tell of the slowly achieved integration of the hero's personality or of his disintegration ... (Para. 12)
  What do "integration" and "disintegration" of personality mean here?
- 6 Alternatively, it can be presented by a careful arrangement of objective facts, where psychological development is described purely in terms of behavior, and where the reader's subjective response is elicited by the minute descriptions of physical reality, as in the greatest Chinese novels like *The Dream of the Red Chamber*, which convince the reader that through the novel he is seeing reality itself rather than an artfully contrived semblance of reality. (Para. 12)
  - Use one example from *The Dream of the Red Chamber* to show how psychological development can be described in terms of behavior and physical reality.

# Language building-up

## Task 1 / Specialized vocabulary

Specialized vocabulary consists of the words and phrases used regularly in a given subject area. For example, you might read the following sentences in an article about ocean and life.

The ocean has a significant effect on the <u>biosphere</u>. <u>Oceanic evaporation</u>, as a phase of the water cycle, is the source of most rainfall.

"Biosphere", "oceanic evaporation", "water cycle", "rainfall" are all technical terms belonging to this field. To comprehend writings or talks about a specific subject, you must have a good command of the terms particular to that subject.

1		Text A contains many literary terms, such as "the lyric poem" and "drama". Find other terms in Text A that are closely related to the theme of literature.		
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2		omplete the following sentences by translating the Chinese into English. You may seed to use some of the literary terms that you have found in Text A.		
	1	Most of the stories in the book are(具有讽喻意味的).		
	2	Today few read classics and even fewer still read(史诗 like Milton's <i>Paradise Lost</i> .		
	3	(抒情诗) may be an emotional response to		
		an event or occasion.		
	4	Death of a Salesman was written by Arthur Miller,(一位戏剧大家).		
	5	This book is (一部虚构作品) and not		
		intended as a historical account.		
	6	The students prepared		
		(关于他们所熟悉的话题的阐述).		