The influence of literature in shaping the society and culture.

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Abstract: In this article, the importance of literature for children and its impacts on the modern life and culture; the reasons why we should teach children about
literature and its power to make the future possibilities and how it teaches people to think outside of their box will be discussed.

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Introduction:

Our first serious encounter with literature comes from school years, and as far as we dive into it, we start to understand its hidden mysteries and power to reflect and mold a society's attitudes, values, and beliefs. Literature helps children to develop their important life skills as it has a huge influence on how people view themselves and their surroundings by introducing fresh viewpoints, and challenging conventional wisdom. It is not difficult to realize the difference between people who are interested in literature, read books and novel and who are the opposite. We can easily distinguish those kinds of people by their behavior, culture, the way of thinking and communication skills. That is why literature can be a great teacher for us as it has a power to change our beliefs about the world we live in and also show us new possibilities for the future.

Main body:

Literature takes the reader out of their world and brings them into the author's world. Literature provides people to acquire a considerable knowledge about the life we live in, and also it is a mirror that can show us who we have been, who we are, and who we may become (Alexandria Malloy Studied at University of California, Berkeley). Literature not only allows us to step outside of our own experience but also it gives us a possibility to travel the different times. We can learn about history of society and culture and by this way we compare and know how we become who we are now. Bearing in mind that most of the novels talks about cultural traditions and their values, literature opens a window into understanding and maintaining them for the future generation. It is fact that we have only one life, but those who reads novels may live in different kinds of live at the same time, and by this way they learn twice or three times more than others. Because they can learn about life on Earth from the ones who walked before us.

Literature helps children to develop their critical thinking skills as it always presents complex ideas and themes that require us to analyze from different angles, which helps to develop our ability to assess the information objectively. When people read books, they analyze the events and people and try to understand what is right and what is wrong. Speaking about most of novels, romans, or stories they do not all the time obviously show antagonist or protagonist, it leaves the option to decide whether there is an antagonist or protagonist to the viewer and we are challenged

to question our own beliefs and assumptions. This process allows us to form our own informed opinions and beliefs.

Reading and analyzing literature, furthermore, opens a door to improve writing and communication skills. By learning how the author use the language effectively we also copy that language and it will be easy for us to express our thoughts and ideas very clearly and persuasively. No matter in what type of carrier they are holding, whether it is business or academic field, people always need the ability of negotiating and communicating. Literature can bring people together and create a sense of shared understanding and community. Sharing stories and discussing them with others can foster social connection and belonging.

In today's fast-paced and increasingly digitized society, interest about the literacy and total book reading is declined dramatically among all ages and educational levels. That can be the main reason why children and young people have a confused sense of self nowadays what is called a liquid identity (Bauman, 2000, 38). They have a fair of expressing their ideas and cannot communicate with their pears. Not only children but also adult may have a problem with having speech in front of audience because of a lack of language skills. To this purpose, literature holds a prominent role in children's personal development since it is not only a tool in language learning but also a source of personal growth for young learners (Journal of Humanities And Social Science. Mar. - Apr. 2013). In order to tackle these issues among people, teachers at school should make children interested in reading books from their young ages. According to new research, nowadays, children read less frequently than any previous generation and enjoy reading less than young people did in the past. National Literacy Trust in the run-up to World Book Day on Thursday, shows that in 2019 just 26% of under-18s spent some time each day reading. That reduction can be because of smartphones and video games that most of children waste their time playing.

Teachers and parents have a huge responsibility in fostering an early interest in literature for children. First and foremost, parents should create a cozy and inviting reading space at home such as accessible bookshelves, comfortable seating, and good lighting can make a reading more enjoyable activity. Furthermore, teachers at school may have a huge influence on children to develop a habit of reading books. They can create interactive storytelling sessions that can bring literature to life. Making role plays, voices and gestures can make stories more engaging and interesting. Teachers should teach literature by connecting them to real-life experiences. They may discuss characters' emotions, dilemmas, and adventures, relating them to situations the children may encounter. By this way children start to understand how literature is important in our life. Moreover, schools can organize visits of authors or join book clubs with children where children could talk with authors, share their thoughts and impression about the book they have read. At last, but not least, both parents and teachers should celebrate their achievements by giving some gifts or excellent marks when they finish a book or master a new reading level. Positive reinforcement creates a sense of accomplishment and encourages a positive attitude toward literature. Thus,

Conclusion:

To sum up, I need to mention that, literature have been the important part of our life; it is still and it will also be unseparated part of our society. In order to make a bright future we need to understand that, it is absolutely vital to encourage children to read more books and novels if we wont them to be the strongest in any way. If we want our children to grow up as a leader with strong sense of

self, social and communication skills; having the ability of critical and persuasive thinking parents should bring them into the world of literature. The study of literature not only encourages emotional intelligence which is the understanding of feelings, but also can form an empathy, tolerance for diversity and imagination. Thus, literature may have a huge influence on the society, culture and in our everyday life.

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