

Introduction to Literature

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English literature, body of written works produced in the English language by inhabitants of the British Isles from the 7th century to the present. Please select which sections you would like to print: Table Of Contents. Cite. Updates? Omissions? Let us know if you have suggestions to improve this article (requires login). Select feedback type: Select a type (Required) Factual Correction Spelling/Grammar Correction Link Correction Additional Information Other. Submit Feedback. Thank you for your feedback. Dystopias in Contemporary Literature. Dystopian literature has been characterized as fiction that presents a negative view of the future of society and humankind. Utopian works typically sketch a future in which technology improves the everyday life of human beings and advances civilization, while dystopian works offer an opposite view. Some common themes found in dystopian fiction include mastery of nature—to the point that it becomes barren, or turns against humankind; technological advances that enslave humans or regiment their lives; the mandatory division of people in society into castes Contemporary literature is written works produced from around the 1960s to the current time. It is sometimes seen as an extension... A few scholars claim this period started at the end of World War II, and this is where the era's pairing with postmodern literature comes in. The postmodern era began after WWII, in the 1940s, and lasted through the 1960s. The contemporary period extends to the current day. John Updike's Rabbit series used strong characters to portray post-war America. Although there are a few disagreements about the beginning of this literary period, the biggest dispute surrounds what qualifies a written work as literature. The word refers to both poetry and prose, where prose includes works of fict