

literature['lit(ə)rətʃə] *n*

- литература *особ.* художественная литература
English literature of the XIX century - английская (художественная) литература XIX века
- 1) литература печатные труды (*в какой-л. области*)
philological [mathematical] literature - филологическая [математическая] литература
travel literature - путешествия, литература путешествий
grey literature - «серая» /внеиздательская/ литература
white literature - «белая» /издательская/ литература
- 2) *разг.* литература печатные материалы (*листовки, брошюры, буклеты и т. п.*)
- 3) музыкальная литература
3. 1) литературная деятельность, профессия
to be engaged in literature - заниматься литературным трудом; быть литератором
to devote oneself to literature - посвятить себя литературе, заняться литературой
literature was represented at the conference by young poets - литература была представлена на конференции молодыми поэтами
- 2) литература (*учебный предмет*)
to teach literature - преподавать литературу, быть учителем /преподавателем/ литературы
4. *редк.* общая образованность, *особ.* культура речи

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lit-er-a-ture [literature literatures] *BrE* ['litrətʃə(r)] [ⓘ] *NAmE* ['litrətʃər] [ⓘ] *NAmE*['litrətʃʊr] [ⓘ] **noun uncountable**

- pieces of writing that are valued as works of art, especially novels, plays and poems (in contrast to technical books and newspapers, magazines, etc.)
 - French literature
 - great **works of literature**
- ~ (**on sth**) pieces of writing or printed information on a particular subject
 - I've read all the available literature on keeping rabbits.
 - sales literature

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'knowledge of books'): via French from Latin *litteratura*, from *littera* 'letter of the alphabet', (plural) 'epistle, literature, culture'.

Thesaurus:**literature** **noun** **U**

- 'Paradise Lost' is a great work of literature.

writing • • **text** •literature/writing **on sth****feminist/scientific/English** literature/writinga **piece of** literature/writing/textCollocations:**Literature***Being a writer***write/publish** literature/poetry/fiction/a book/a story/a poem/a novel/a review/an autobiography**become** a writer/novelist/playwright**find/have** a publisher/an agent**have** a new book out**edit/revise/proofread** a book/text/manuscript**dedicate** a book/poem to...*Plot, character and atmosphere***construct/create/weave/weave sth into** a complex narrative**advance/drive** the plot**introduce/present** the protagonist/a character**describe/depict/portray** a character (as...)/(sb as) a hero/villain**create** an exciting/a tense atmosphere**build/heighten** the suspense/tension**evoke/capture** the pathos of the situation**convey** emotion/an idea/an impression/a sense of...**engage** the reader**seize/capture/grip** the (reader's) imagination**arouse/elicit** emotion/sympathy (in the reader)**lack** imagination/emotion/structure/rhythm*Language, style and imagery***use/employ** language/imagery/humour/(especially *US*) humor/an image/a symbol/a metaphor/a device**use/adopt/develop** a style/technique**be rich in/be full of** symbolism**evoke** images of.../a sense of.../a feeling of...

create/achieve an effect
 maintain/lighten the tone
 introduce/develop an idea/a theme
 inspire a novel/a poet/sb's work/sb's imagination

Reading and criticism

read an author/sb's work/fiction/poetry/a text/a poem/a novel/a chapter/a passage
 review a book/a novel/sb's work
 give sth/get/have/receive a good/bad review
 be hailed (as)/be recognized as a masterpiece
 quote a phrase/line/stanza/passage/author
 provoke/spark discussion/criticism
 study/interpret/understand a text/passage
 translate sb's work/a text/a passage/a novel/a poem

Example Bank:

- Canadian literature written over the past thirty years
- He has a degree in English Literature.
- I picked up some literature about pensions.
- There is a growing literature on technological changes in developing countries.
- There's an extensive literature on the subject.
- the current literature in science and natural history
- the growing body of literature on development issues
- the literature concerning the modernization of trade unions
- the literature regarding effectiveness and cost
- the professional literature on second language learners
- the scholarly literature on the rise of the environmental movement
- For most people, the desire to study literature begins with a love of reading.
- I've read all the available literature on keeping parrots.
- Milton's 'Paradise Lost' is one of the great works of literature.
- sales/promotional literature

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[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑literature, ↑literacy ≠ ↑illiteracy, ↑illiterate, ↑literati; **adjective:** ↑literary, ↑literate ≠ ↑illiterate]

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1. books, plays, poems etc that people think are important and good:

- He has read many of the major works of literature.
- Italian literature

2. all the books, articles etc on a particular subject

literature on

- literature on the history of science

in the literature

- Several cases of mercury poisoning have been recorded in the literature.

3. printed information produced by people who want to sell you something or tell you about something:

- sales literature

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■ **types of book**

- **novel** *noun* [countable] a book about imaginary people and events: The film is based on Nick Hornby's best-selling novel. | a historical novel
- **fiction** *noun* [uncountable] books that describe imaginary people and events: She reads a lot of romantic fiction.
- **literature** *noun* [uncountable] novels and plays that are considered to be important works of art: I'm studying American literature at university.
- **non-fiction** *noun* [uncountable] books that describe real people and events: Men tend to prefer non-fiction.
- **science fiction** *noun* [uncountable] books about imaginary events in the future or space travel
- **reference book** *noun* [countable] a book such as a dictionary or encyclopedia, which you look at to find information
- **textbook** *noun* [countable] a book about a particular subject that you use in a classroom
- **set book** *British English*, **course book** *British English* *noun* [countable] a book that you have to study as part of your course
- **guidebook** *noun* [countable] a book telling visitors about a city or country
- **picture book** *noun* [countable] a book for children with many pictures in it
- **hardcover/hardback** *noun* [countable] a book that has a hard stiff cover
- **paperback** *noun* [countable] a book that has a paper cover
- **biography** *noun* [countable] a book about a real person's life, written by another person
- **autobiography** *noun* [countable] a book that someone has written about their own life
- **recipe book/cookery book** *British English* (also **cookbook** *American English*) *noun* [countable] a book that tells you how to cook different meals

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