

ALT 101: Introduction to Literary Genres

Unit Description

The unit introduces students to the major genres (forms) of literature: prose fiction, drama, poetry, biography, autobiography, oral literature and the essay. This will deepen their insights into the nature of literature and its relevance to humankind. Both the external and internal structures of the literary works will be explored. Besides examining the differences and similarities among these literary genres, this unit will show how to identify, describe and discuss features of literary matter.

Unit Objectives

At the end of the end of the unit, students should be able to do the following;

- ❖ Identify and explain the various forms of literature
- ❖ Identify and illustrate aspects of form and content of various literary genres
- ❖ Explain the functions of the literary genres
- ❖ Identify and explain the various dynamics of literature genres

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