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## Importance of Creative Writing

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Creative writing is any writing that goes outside the boundaries of normal professional, journalistic, academic or practical forms of literature. It is typically categorized by an emphasis on narrative craft, character development and the use of literary motifs or with various traditions of poetry and poetics. The story of creative writing begins in Athens with Aristotle (384-322 BC). His *Poetics* is an account of creative practices accepted and used for years. He tells his class what to seek and what to avoid in the composition of poetic dramas, the aim of the drama, how the achievement of that aim governs the form of the drama, by what means that aim is realized and by what defects a dramatist may fail to realize it. Aristotle's work has a moral aim. When he reflects his society, he is concerned with the effects of human conduct. The dramatist Ben Jonson mentions on this in *Timber or Beliefs* as 'how we ought to judge rightly of others, and what we ought to imitate specially in ourselves'.

The practice of creative writing is personal expression of thoughts, feelings and expressions. Creative writing can create personal universes in which the system of events within space-time operates for the reader. Reader is its co-creator as writing and reading are collaborative acts. Reader response theory asserts the same thing that readers participate consciously or unconsciously in a literary creation and live their life in that moment psychologically while they are reading. Writing can change people. It creates new worlds and possible universes and offers examples of life. One could not become a good writer unless one becomes a great reader. One must also become shapers of language, shapers of the small, new worlds that take the form of a poem or novels. Hemingway states that,

You have the sheet of blank paper, the pencil, and the obligation to invent truer than things can be true....to take what is not palpable and make it completely palpable and... have it seem normal...so that it can become a part of the experience of the person who reads it. (Philips, 16)

Ernest Hemingway says that a novel or poem is a visible part of an iceberg. The knowledge brings to the creation of that novel or poem is the concealed submerged section of that same iceberg. The creative book dives under that iceberg.

Creative writing is so involving and absorbing that it makes feel alive. It recreates something in you that you

may have lost without noticing it. The process of creative writing is more rewarding than the outcome. It is a sense of discovery and wonder swims through the words and leaps in the page. It is a powerful aid to various types of therapy, from the treatment of depression to social rehabilitation. The biography of many authors reveals the very fact. Creative writing contributes towards self-development and self awareness. It wakes you up, forces you beyond your intelligence and daily attention and observation, anything that makes you think and perceive more clearly and expansively which assist to find perspectives on yourself and others. To move from this and that requires a process which is both creative and requires work, sometimes excited and easy and sometimes difficult and rough. Like any craft, creative writing is opened and learned. Anatole France says you can become a good writer just as you become a good carpenter: by planning down your sentences.

One can do well to start with oneself by refining one's own ability to trust his or her own judgment. Literature is a continent that includes many countries, language and unlimited challenges. It is large and having multitudes. Writers and readers are the citizens of this continent who encounter contraries and inconsistencies between the citizens. There are many belief systems which generate freedom for the writers to write on any topic. The pleasure of creativity illuminates aspects of knowledge. Literary mind is the fundamental mind not a separate kind of mind. The neuroscientist, Mark Turner argues that

'Story is a basic principle of mind' and 'the parable is the root of human mind- of thinking, knowing, acting, creating and plausibly of speaking'. (Turner, 1)

Creative writing is an extreme act of attention and memory. It implores with one's brain cells to make new connections.

Reading helps to develop writing skill while writing facilitates to develop cognitive growth, organizational abilities and power to influence others through persuasion. The person having creative abilities challenges to come up with creative thoughts, solve problems, builds the confidence and succeed all areas of life. Creative writing encourages creative minds and imaginations. It improves the ability to come up with alternatives. It broadens the thought processes which direct to success in many areas of life. It is highly influential for expressing the thoughts



and feelings. One can explore with understanding and express self feelings. It gives more opportunity to assert the opinions and develop writer's 'voice'. These developments strengthen self confidence. Creative writing involves lot of thoughts, planning, organization, point of view and language. It is the birth of innovation and ideas. It makes the creative writers great researchers, story tellers, historians, critical thinkers, problem solvers, commentators and communicators. It assists to analyze and understand human nature so intimately.

The main purpose of creative writing is to present the facts. It is both entertainment and share human experience like love or loss. Writers attempt to search out a truth about humanity through poems and storytelling. Writing clears the confusion from the mind. David Allen says your mind is for processing not for storage. Writing lets one make a bank of knowledge and become wiser. It helps to see one's own growth and understand the life. It promotes for building confidence, artistic self expression, thought clarification, better understanding of the mechanics of reading and writing, empathy and communication skills, better mental, emotional and physical health. Creative writing recognizes essential role of the literary arts in the life of one's culture. Creative writing helps to develop own power of expressions, empathy, critical writing and thinking ability. Creative writing is a vital part of what makes one human. Human beings have craved for stories and reading and writing creative writings. It helps to understand the world and tells the truth. Science and arts both are important in human lives. One should encourage people in both arts and science. Human beings are in need of both.

The major challenge to writer is the work itself like getting the book written, making characters believable, subject and form of the book and creating real sense. Cultural and social pressures and working of one's own mind are the other challenges of creative writing. Sometimes writer feel it difficult to write. What to write and sometimes not in a mood. Writers block can be very dangerous if one don't deal with it quickly. Lack of ideas is another challenge for the writers. The writer wants to write an article but he/she don't have ideas or points to write on or for a while he may become blank of using appropriate relevant words. Similarly lack of

confidence, the fear of selling, too much competition, Life style which includes emotional breakdown, isolation etc are some challenges for the writers. Apart from these challenges for the writers, there are few other challenges like challenges of translation, challenges of experiment, challenge of design and challenge of quality. In translation, interpretation is an enemy of creativity. Some words have particular meaning in the host language which cannot carry the same sense or association to another translated language.

Creative writing plays very significant role in globalised world. It plays a part of social interaction. The writer of any text contemplates his own contemporary environment like social dogmas, political, cultural milieu, domestic, economical strata and depicts it in his writings. Associative and figurative language is central for creative writing. Use of various techniques in creative writing encourages and motivates the readers. It is an experience that the innate human drive to expression and playfulness in literary expression. When such a text is acclaimed by the world, people or reader came to know about that particular country. The book acquires universal approach. Globalization makes the world smaller. Aesthetic quality of writing provides excellent setting for cognitive awareness of various global phenomenons.

Creative writing is the primary basis upon which communication, history, record keeping and art is initiated. It is the framework of our communication. One can encounter everyday with writing. One can use it to give information, an opinion, a question or poetry. It is extremely important in today's society. Creative writing is part of a creative project, whether it is a film, building or a piece of literature. Without creative writing flow of ideas stopped shortly beyond the source. It is an expression of realisation, self manifestation, curiosity, exploration, experimentation, imagination and open ended thinking. A life without creative writing is incredible.

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