

# Literature

*What is it?*

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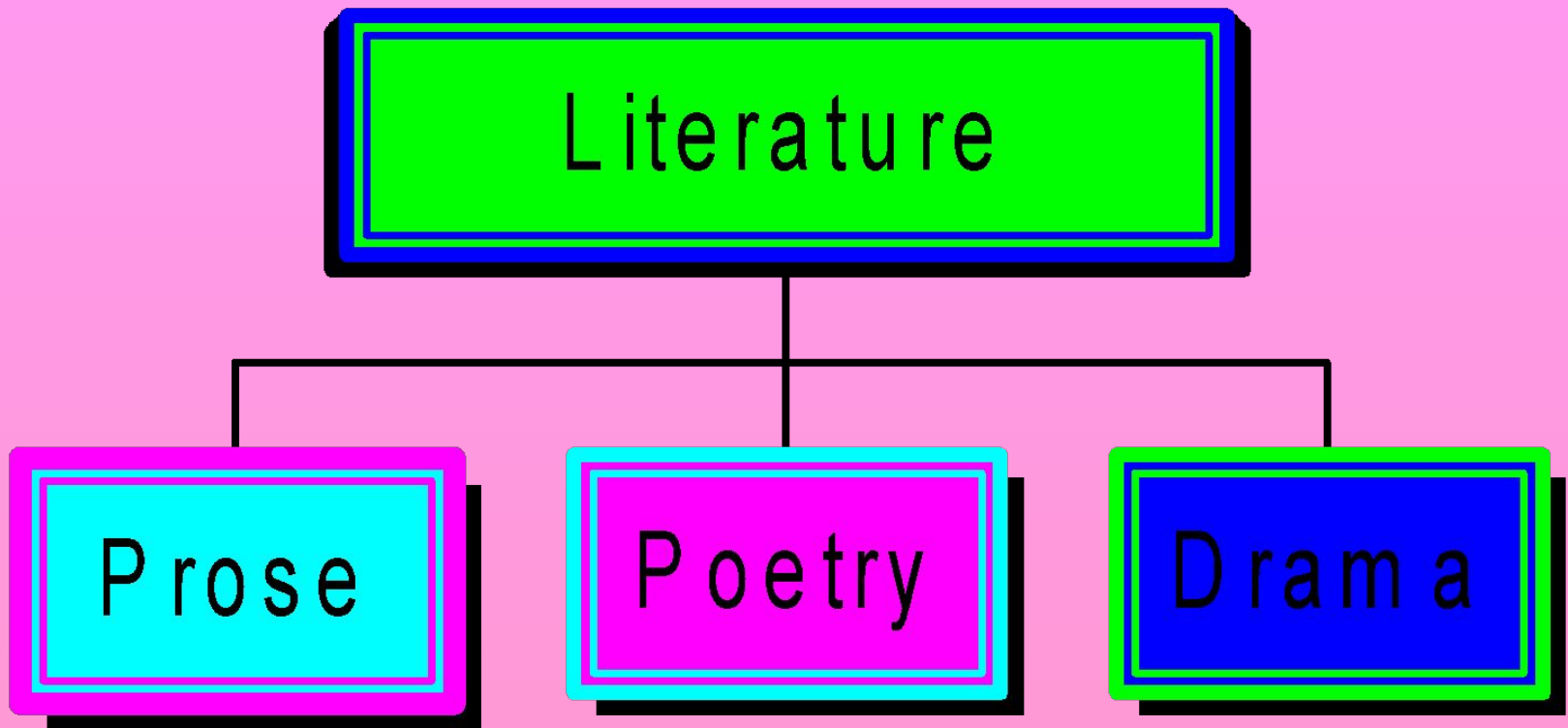


# ELEMENTS OF LITERATURE

Written works having excellence in:

- Form
- Expression
- Ideas
- Widespread and Lasting Interest

# The Major Genres



# PROSE

Prose is the ordinary  
form of written  
language.

It imitates the spoken  
language.

# Prose

## FICTION

**Short Stories**

**Folk Tales**

**Novels**

**Essays**

## NON-FICTION

**Personal**

**Narrative**

**Letters**

**Memoirs**

**Reports**

# Poetry

Poetry is language written with rhythm, figurative language, imagery, sound devices and emotionally charged language.

## Major Types of Poetry

Lyric Poetry

Epic Poetry

Narrative Poetry

Concrete Poetry

# Lyric Poem

**Lyric poem is a highly musical verse that expresses the observation and feelings of a single speaker.**

# Epic Poem

An Epic poem is a long story told in verse which tells the great deeds of a hero.





# Narrative Poem

*Narrative Poem is a story told in verse. Narrative poems often have all the elements of short stories, including characters, conflict, and plot.*

# Concrete Poem

**Concrete Poem is one with a shape that suggests its subject. The poet arranges the letters, punctuation, and lines to create an image or picture, on the page.**

# Drama\*

Drama is a story written to be performed by actors. Although a drama is meant to be performed, one can also read the script, or written version, and imagine the action.

# Drama\*

Types of Drama:

Comedy

Tragedy

Melodrama.

# ~\*!\*~Review~\*!\*~

1. What is Literature?
2. What does genre mean?
3. What are the three main genre's of literature?
4. Name three types of writing for each category.