

Basic knowledge of literature and literary traditions

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Literature is written by man. to convey knowledge, thoughts, emotions, feelings, experiences, social conditions, way of life, including customs and traditions In this chapter, basic knowledge of literature and literary traditions is explained. So that readers can review their knowledge of literature, literature and have knowledge about the characteristics of literary traditions. divided into the following topics.

Basic knowledge of literature and Thai literature

Basic knowledge about literature and Thai literature that students should know is the meaning of the word literature, literature and literature, to distinguish between literature and literature, to understand the classification of literature and what criteria are categorized. including general characteristics and construction factors of Thai literature to understand the traditions of composition and can be linked to the characteristics of literary traditions.

The meaning of literature according to the terminology, the word "Warn" means book, color, type, sex, character, and the word "Kadee" means matter, story, way, so the meaning of the word "Literature" means the way of books. here it is The story was made into a book. The meaning of western concepts Dividing the meaning of literature into 2 types, namely, the first type is general literature, meaning all kinds of writings. whether good or not and the second characteristic is literature with literary arts It is a book that has been praised for being well-written and beautiful.

The meaning of literature The word "literature" appeared as legal evidence for the first time in the Arts and Literature Protection Act, 1931, corresponding to the English word that Literary Work or General Literature means written things. All composed no matter what format for any purpose All types of writing Does not focus on expressions that have emotional value or not There is no limit to whether they are fully qualified according to literature or not.

The meaning of literature The word "literary art" corresponds to English as The Art of Literature. It first appeared in the Royal Institute Act, 1922, meaning the art of composing words. or the art of composing books

Assortment of literature

Criteria for categorizing literature There are several criteria for categorizing literature. Here, all five criteria are described as follows:

Classification according to the purpose of writing

1) Nonfiction, mainly written to educate (Non-fiction), such as the twelve-month ceremony

2) Fiction, mainly written for enjoyment (Fiction), such as Khun Chang, Khun Phaen, Inao, Phra Aphai Mani.

Evidence based classification

1) Literature recorded in writing, such as the inscription of King Ramkhamhaeng. (1st pillar inscription) Traiphum, Phra Ruang, Ramakien, Three Kingdoms

2) Literature that is not recorded as evidence (oral pulpit), such as nursery rhymes, boat songs, local tales

Categorization by Content Benefits

1) Pure literature is born out of the poet's emotions. Mainly focusing on literary expression, such as Nirat Narin Samut Kos Khamchan Khun Chang Khun Phaen

2) Applied literature focusing on other benefits than entertainment, such as Lilit Ong cursing water proverbs teach women Tribhum Phra Ruang Praise the elephants Ayutthaya Prophetic Long Song

Categorization by nature of content

1) Literature about history or literature in honor of His Majesty the King, such as the King Ramkhamhaeng inscription (The 1st main inscription) Lilit Yuan Phai, Lilit Taleng Phai, Sam Krung, a poem in honor of King Krung Thonburi.

2) Literature about rituals and traditions, such as the Twelve Month Royal Ceremony, Nang Noppamas, Lilit Ong Nam Dam. Praise the elephants

3) Religious or moral literature, such as Trai Phum Phra Ruang Mahachat Kham Luang Long recitation of Maha Wessantara Jataka, Pathom Som Bodhikatha, Triphum World, Wijchakatha

4) Nirat literature such as Nirat Narin, Nirat Phu Khao Thong Niras of the Prathom, Niras of His Majesty, Niras of London

5) Dramatic literature or dramatic literature such as Ramayana, Rambutan, Shakuntala, Inao

Categorization by style

1) Prose is an arrangement of words. no fixed pattern Prose writing in ancient times tended to be tactile prose, such as the King Ramkhamhaeng inscription. (The 1st main inscription) Traiphum Phra Ruang

2) Poetry is a composition that uses the rules of language and the expression of high thought. with a form of regulation Specific rules, such as the number of words, the location of exposure set the number of paragraphs set tone Defines a long, short, accented sound.

General characteristics of literature

1. The author is a high-ranking person. The role of patronizing and promoting literature, for example, the King was a poet and writer. Nobles dress for pleasure rather than earn a living. or has a royal command to create literature

2. The story focuses on merit The characters are usually high-ranking people.

3. Emphasis on language proficiency more popular in poetry has shown the skill of a poet more than prose

4. The melody of the composition is straightforward. Does not show deep philosophy

5. Demonstrate Thainess, fun-loving, poetry have a simple life live with nature have faith in religion honoring the monarchy.

Factors influencing literature creation

1. Society and culture Because poets live in that society and culture, poets convey their thoughts and feelings toward society through literature.

2. Folk literature It is often oral literature and is liked by poets. therefore adapted to create literary writing

3. Exchange and transfer of literary culture, such as bringing Eastern literature or Western literature to create

4. Author of literature (Poet's preference) Poets tend to create writings according to their preferences and communicate their thoughts, emotions, and feelings to the readers.

The role of Thai literature

1. Being a means of entertainment, such as telling a story or telling a story from the imagination

2. Perform performances such as Khon dubbing, movie dubbing, Li Ke
3. Teach, for example, Proverb Phra Ruang, Lok Niti poem
4. Send messages, similar to applied literature. Hidden content to think or mention the progress of the country, such as chronicles, royal plays of King Rama VI.
5. As part of the ceremony, such as the Dussadee Sacrifice of the Elephant Lilit Ong water curse

The value of Thai literature

1. It reflects the way of the country at that time.
2. Mental value Buddhist way
3. The art of writing
4. Reflection of other arts
5. Traditions

Basic knowledge of traditions, Culture

The word "Tradition" in the Royal Institute Dictionary of 2011 has the meaning of "n. model, plan, order.

The meaning of the word "Tradition" means a pattern that follows the precedent, including composing Thai poetry. To be different stories, there are traditions that must begin with a hymn to pay homage to teachers, singing a song, saying Choi songs. Driving a shadow puppet show manohra recitation or playing the game. These chapters must always begin with the Wai Khru chapter.

The word "tradition" in the 2011 Royal Institute Dictionary has the meaning as together until forming a pattern, custom, or tradition."

As for the word "tradition", it is a continuation of tradition, for example, the tradition of building a new house has a tradition that there must be a pillar. Wedding traditions have a tradition that there must be dowry money Funeral customs have a requiem, etc.

Culture refers to the growth that humans have produced. Also known as "Social heritage" because culture is something that is inherited from the ancestors and passed down to the young. The National Culture Act, B.E. 2485 (1942) gives the meaning of culture as follows: orderliness national progressive harmony and good morals of the people

The relationship between tradition and culture I have already mentioned that traditions are part of the foundation that creates culture. But culture is something that grows in a way that is accepted as good. But the tradition is popular among the ranks among the ranks. Traditions that are considered prosperous Is it a culture or not? must depend on whether it is good or bad It's about valuing things about truth. Therefore, tradition may be part of the culture. If a tradition is bad, it's not a culture.

Meaning, scope and characteristics of literary traditions

From the definition of literature and tradition, it can be seen that the characteristics of literary tradition cover literary works related to ritual literature and ceremonial literature

Definition and scope of literary traditions

Literature related to traditions means literature written with the aim of providing knowledge about various customs and traditions of society, both in terms of customs and traditions, tradition and traditions of society.

The scope of study in this course allows students to read literature that is both royal literature, royal ceremonial literature. doctrine literature which is read to see guidelines for behavior and customs of people in society as well.