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the history of literature is the historical development of writings in prose or poetry that attempt to provide entertainment or education to the reader as well as the development of the literary techniques used in the communication of these pieces not all writings constitute literature the first author of literature in the world known by name was the high priestess of ur enheduanna 2285-2250 bce who wrote hymns in praise of the sumerian goddess inanna while shuruppak's fatherly wisdom is one of the most ancient examples of written literature history's oldest known fictional story is probably the epic of gilgamesh a mythic poem that the term english literature refers to the body of written works produced in the english language by inhabitants of the british isles from the 7th century to the present ranging from drama poetry and fiction to autobiography and historical writing the earliest surviving written literature is from ancient mesopotamia the epic of gilgamesh is often cited as the first great composition although some shorter compositions have survived that are even earlier notably the kesh temple hymn and the instructions of shuruppak deriving from the latin littera a letter of the alphabet literature is first and foremost humankind's entire body of writing after that it is the body of writing belonging to a given language or people then it is individual pieces of writing literature in the west originated in the southern mesopotamia region of sumer c 3200 in the city of uruk and flourished in egypt later in greece the written word having been imported there from the phoenicians and from there to rome literature is any collection of written work but it is also used more narrowly for writings specifically considered to be an art form especially novels plays and poems and including both print and digital writing in recent centuries the definition has expanded to include oral literature much of which has been transcribed chapter 1 old english literature the old english language or anglo saxon is the earliest form of english the period is a long one and it is generally considered that old english was spoken from about a d 600 to about 1100 many of the poems of the period are pagan in particular widsith and beowulf taken to mean only written works literature was first produced by some of the world's earliest civilizations those of ancient egypt and sumeria as early as the 4th millennium bc taken to include spoken or sung texts it originated even earlier and some of the first written works may have been based on a pre-existing oral tradition english literature is literature written in the english language from the english speaking world the english language has developed over the course of more than 1 400 years the earliest forms of english a set of anglo frisian dialects brought to great britain by anglo saxon invaders in the fifth century are called old english welcome to the oxford research encyclopedia of literature learn about our editorial 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to literary texts this area of study established as a unifying force to link the various research areas in the diversified and segmented fields of language and literature is interdisciplinary in nature

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the earliest surviving written literature is from ancient mesopotamia the epic of gilgamesh is often cited as the first great composition although some shorter compositions have survived that are even earlier notably the kesh temple hymn and the instructions of shuruppak

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deriving from the latin littera a letter of the alphabet literature is first and foremost humankind s entire body of writing after that it is the body of writing belonging to a given language or people then it is individual pieces of writing

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literature in the west originated in the southern mesopotamia region of sumer c 3200 in the city of uruk and flourished in egypt later in greece the written word having been imported there from the phoenicians and from there to rome

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literature is any collection of written work but it is also used more narrowly for writings specifically considered to be an art form especially novels plays and poems and including both print and digital writing in recent centuries the definition has expanded to include oral literature much of which has been transcribed

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