Define Literature and discuss the benefit of its study.

Short essay- This essay may be written in first person. Offer **your** extended definition of literature and discuss why it is valuable to study plays, short stories, and poetry even if they are hundreds of years old.

Do NOT use a dictionary definition of literature.  Define literature in terms of what it is and isn't, what role it plays for individuals and for culture.  Offer a "big-picture," personal definition of literature.  Continue by discussing its value, its relevance, its role.

Successful assignments are generally between 1-1½ pages long.