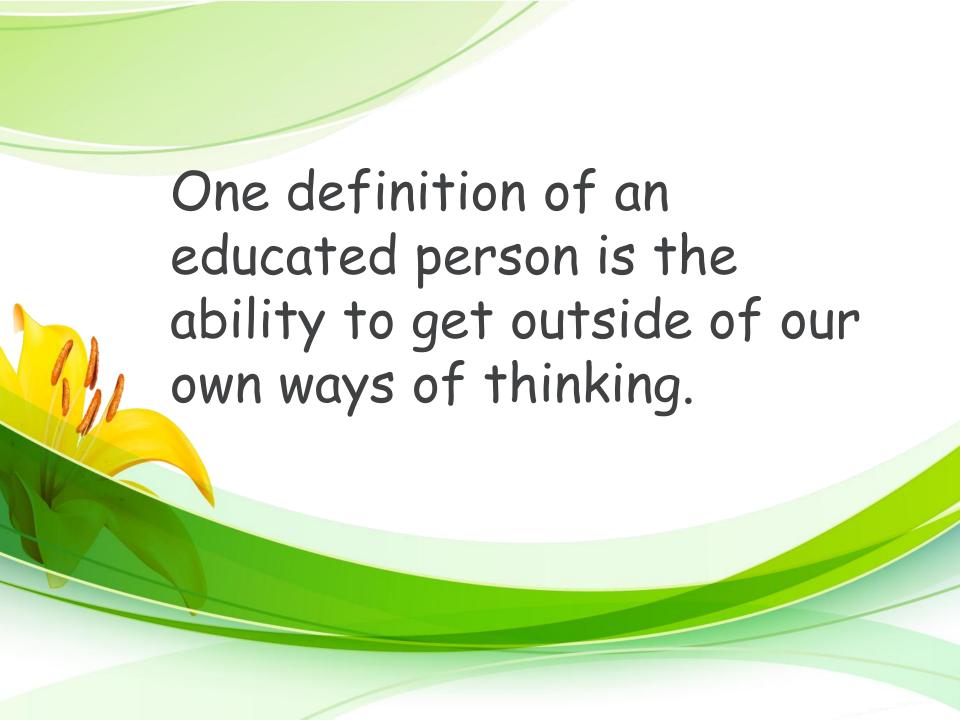
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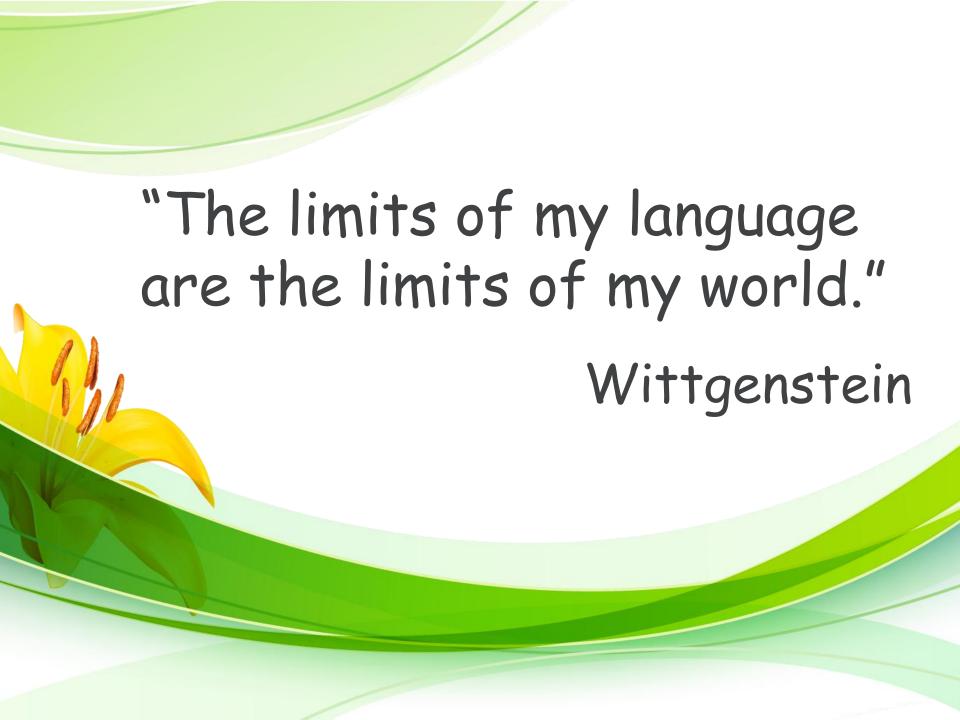


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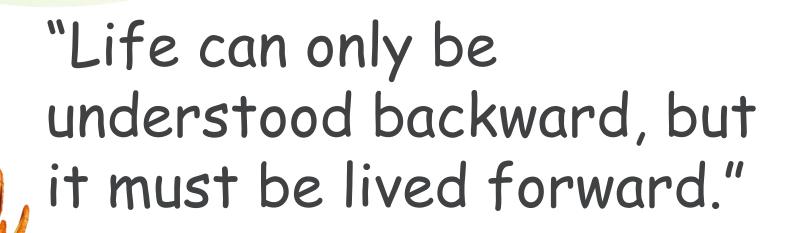
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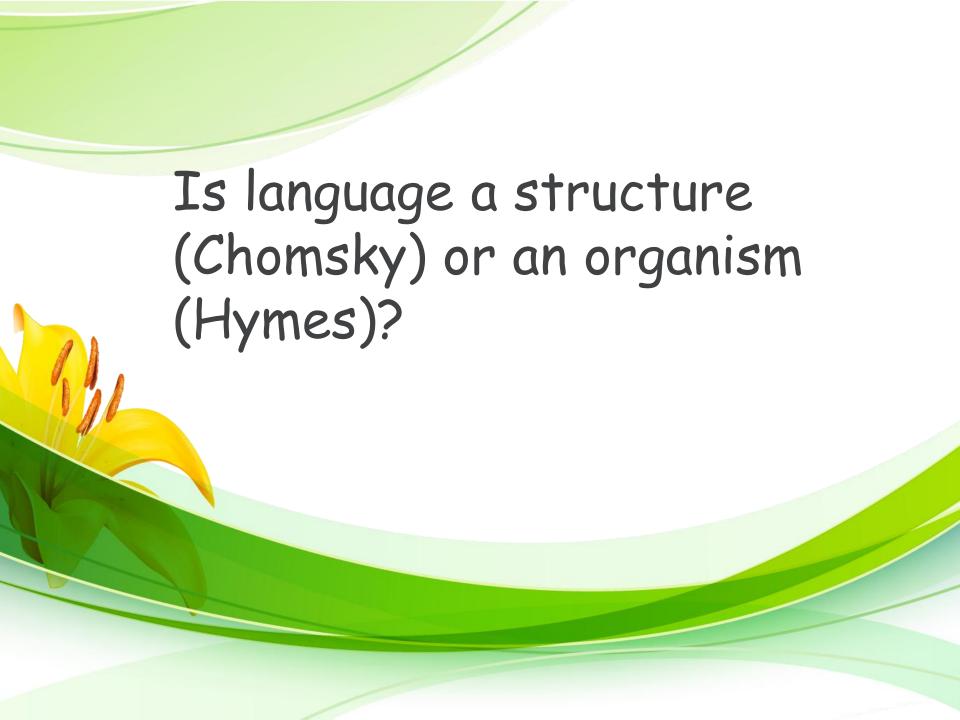


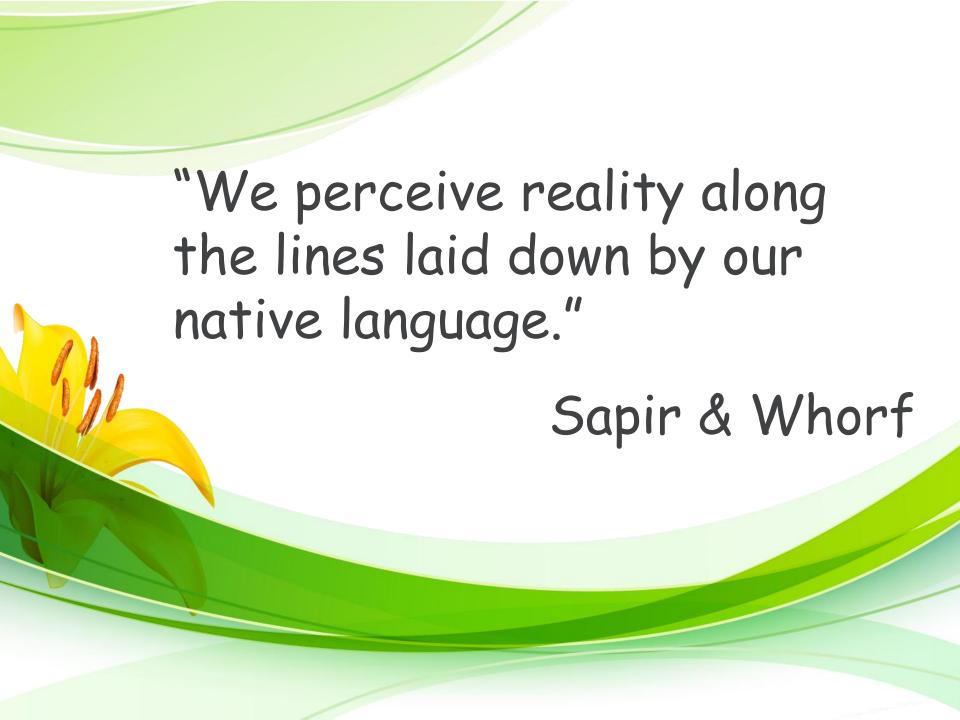
Soren Kirkegaard is not famous for easily understood ideas but he made an important observation on this language issue.



Soren Kirkegaard

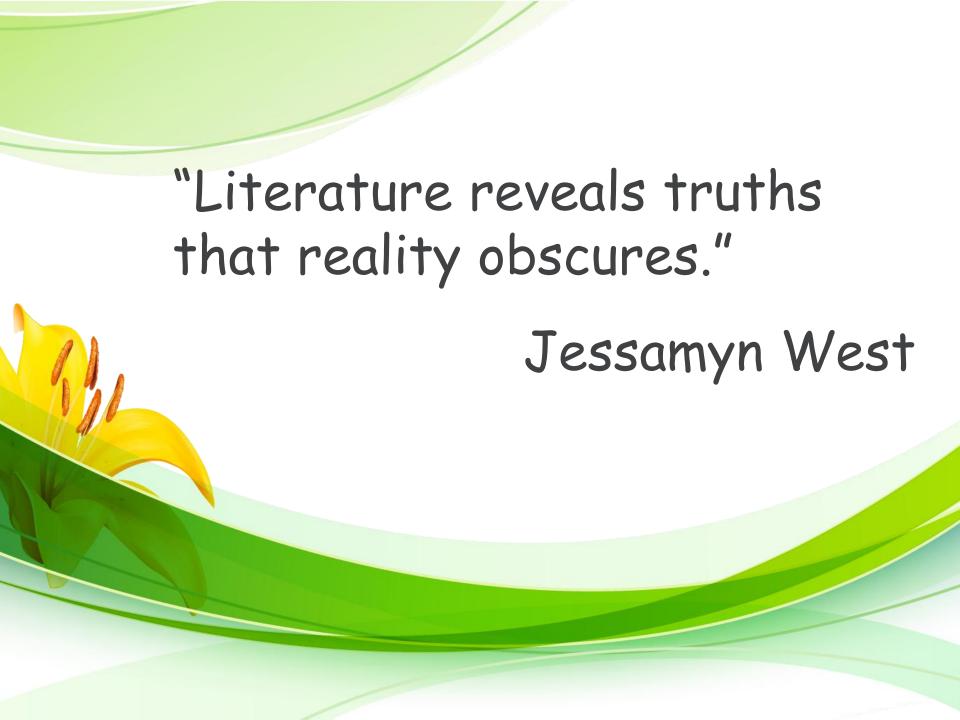
I would like to add that—"life can understood backward (through history) and sideways (through contemporary literature, languages, arts, and (culture) so that life can be lived forward more richly.





"Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge? Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?"

T.S. Eliot, "The Rock"



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- --Literature that is
 - Vexing,
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--Literature and the Importance of Precision

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Appointment With Love By S. I. Kishor

"Imagining the lives of others is not a rare feat achieved by authors. It is a daily obligation for all of us."

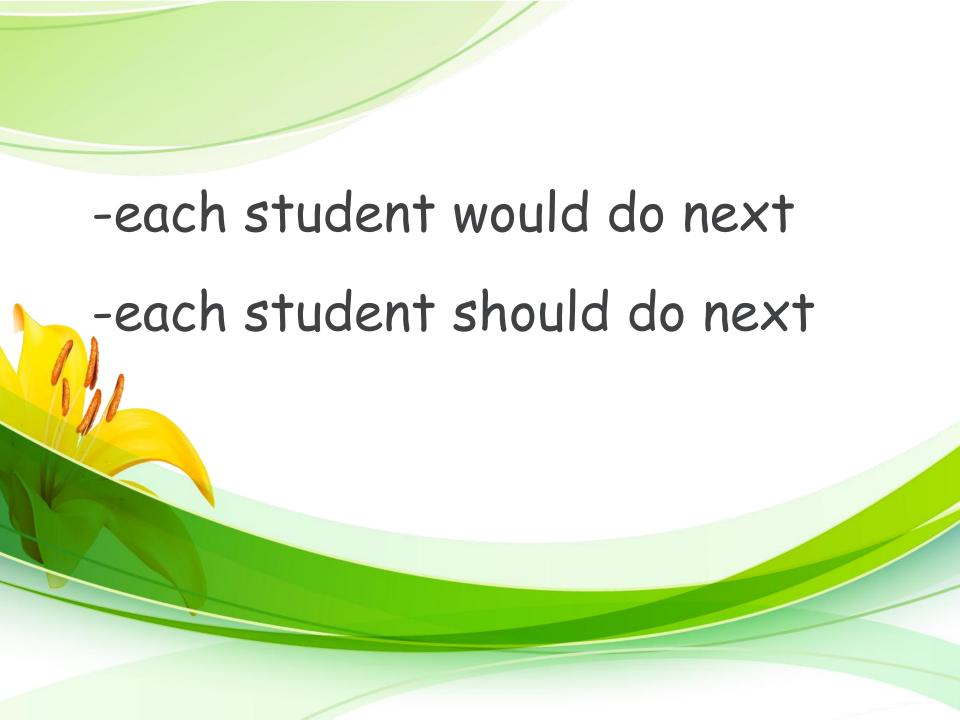
Alan Gurganus

What can teachers and students do with stories?

- -memorize stories
- -summarize stories
- -analyze stories -become involved in stories
- -create stories



Good teachers pause and take time in stories to have students explain: -What a character will do next What a character could do next What a character should do next



"We seldom, if ever, act according to principles and rules stated in words and logically arranged. We act, rather, according to models, metaphors, stories, and myths. Our action is imitative rather than rule-abiding. Prior to our intention to obey sets of rules, we are trying to become a ertain type of person."

adapted from Michael Novak,

Experience and Nothingness (1970)



"The spirit of liberty is the spirit that is not so sure it is right."

Judge Learned Hand