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## **The Influence of Language and Literature on Empowering Genders**

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### **Abstract**

This paper stems from a concern with how language and literature have the ability to provide genders with power and function as a vehicle to empower one gender over another. By using research data provided by scholars and linguists, and by taking a survey through literary works written by eminent authors and other literary figures, this paper explores how the language we employ can empower genders, and how literary works have provided genders with power through the history. The language we use consists of features and elements that are able to empower men. These features are deeply rooted in the patriarchy societies that the human race has lived in during the past centuries, and the impact these societies have had can now be seen in the way in which we use language. By shedding light on these features of language and providing instances of how literature has changed the course of the history and empowered genders, this paper tries to address this issues and raise awareness on these matters.

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