The Politics Of Literature Dissenting Essays On The Teaching Of English

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COURSE OUTLINE Part 1: What is literature?
The article is a report on a collaborative study of three experienced teachers who reflected on the critical moments of their teaching experiences in a multi-age classroom in an elementary school in Western Canada. The focus in the article is on these critical moments in their teaching that brought about change and how these changes improved teaching practice. George Orwell's essay "Politics and the English Language" presents a detailed account of the ways that English is being corroded. Does Orwell feel that this corrosion can be fixed or reversed? Analyze his ideas about function of the English language and the ways that it may or may not be manipulated. In 1946, the time that Orwell is writing his essay, the poor use of English was feeding into the poor thinking of particular partisan politics. In the following essay it will be argued that poor language has a similar relationship to different manifestations of partisan politics and that the struggle to resist the poor thinking that comes from poor language is the same, if not more urgent.