Psychoanalytic Interpretation and Literature

This is an introduction to the relationship between psychoanalysis and literature, beginning with Freud’s integration of literary references (e.g., the Oedipus myth) into the development of his theories. The work of other theoreticians, including Bion, Bonaparte, Jung, Lacan, and Žižek, will be considered. Psychoanalytic concepts frequently explored in the literature, such as deferred action, fantasy, hysteria, paranoia, sublimation, the uncanny, trauma, and perversion, will be discussed.

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Participants will be able to (1) describe the role of literature in Freud’s defining the main concepts of psychoanalysis, and (2) describe Bonaparte’s, Derrida’s, and Lacan’s concepts of the phallus.

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