

Literature as Text

The linguist

-He is concerned with the codes, and his interest in messages lies in how they explain how the codes are constructed.

-He reflects on how curiosities of usage might be accounted for in grammatical terms.

-He focuses on how a piece of literature exemplifies the language system.

He treats literature as **TEXT**.

Literature as discourse

- It throws light on how elements of a linguistic text (a cluster of linguistic deviations) combine to create messages, how pieces of literary writing function as a form of communication.

This approach treats literature as **Discourse**.

Literature as messages

The literary critic

-He is interested in messages and his concern with codes lies in the meanings they convey in particular instances of use.

– Interpretation is his aim.

– His interpretation of how the language system works will serve to highlight the effects produced by literary texts.

-His search for an underlying signi-

–ficance makes him treat literary

Texts as **messages**.