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The best short story in Barrett's collection of tales set against a backdrop of Nigeria's political history, “Godspeed and Perpetua” charts the highs and lows of an arranged marriage and offers an astute look at family power dynamics. Barrett's real strength is in his characterisation: figures like Perpetua, stuck in a disappointing marriage with a wealthy, older man, leap off the page. I Bought a Little City by Donald Barthelme (1974). The narrator of this story has bought a little city, Galveston, in Texas. At first he says he'll only change things gradually, but he soon comes to resemble something more like a despot as events spiral out of control. As funny as it outrageous this story, first published in the New Yorker, is a cautionary tale about control and ambition with plenty left to tell us about today. A short story is a fully developed story which is shorter than a novel and longer than a fable. It typically takes just a single sitting for reading. Short Story focuses on the incidents bigger or smaller and evokes strong feelings from its readers. A short story often has a few characters in the plot. Features of a Short Story. The Happy Prince is one of the best stories written in English Literature written by Oscar Wilde. The story shows how the elites of that kingdom neglect the poor. And the statue of the Happy Prince takes help of a Swallow to help the poor of the city. One by one, the Prince starts losing his precious stones, rubies, and gold leaves when the Swallow starts plucking them give to the poor that the Prince can see from his high pedestal. Every story is part of the literary canon and is suitable for deep reading and studying the usual story elements: plot, point of view, character, setting, tone and style, theme, and symbol. For stories that are about college see Campus | Academic. The stories on this page are well known, so you’ll be able to find a lot of explanatory notes on most of them to supplement your understanding. If you want the latest literary anthology that all the cool students are reading, check out The Norton Introduction to Literature: Shorter 13th Edition. (Amazon) It has the usual selections from the literary Sanskrit literature refers to texts composed in Sanskrit language since the 2nd-millennium BCE. Many of the prominent texts are associated with Indian religions, i.e., Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism, and were composed in ancient India. However, others were composed central, East or Southeast Asia and the canon includes works covering secular sciences and the arts. Early works of Sanskrit literature were transmitted through an oral tradition for centuries before they were written down in manuscript form.