

Course details

Course title

History: King Arthur, the history and the myth

Course code

Q00017511

Course date

Start: 23/07/24

End: 23/07/24

Number of classes

2 sessions

Timetable

Tue 23rd Jul, 10:00 to 12:00

Tue 23rd Jul, 13:30 to 15:30

Branch

Norwich Branch

Tutor

Jane Williams

Fee range

Free to £12.00

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes online in video meetings and materials will be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

Online

Venue

Online

Level of study

Intermediate

Course overview

This course delves into the myths, legends, and historical theories surrounding Britain's beloved King Arthur, exploring his family, friends, and foes. It aims to distinguish between fact and fiction, recognizing the influence of biases in historical accounts and the speculative nature of much of the Arthurian narrative. Arthur's role as a tool for propaganda is examined, drawing on diverse sources including ancient writings, literature, fiction, and film, supplemented by a brief exploration of archaeology. Offering participants insight into the enduring appeal and manipulation of Arthurian legend throughout history.

Course description

This course offers a brief exploration of the myriad myths, legends, and historical conjectures surrounding Britain's beloved king, along with his family and companions. It endeavours to discern between serious historical accounts and the more entertaining fabrications that have pervaded Arthurian lore. Given that every historian inevitably harbours biases, and many fiction writers have roots in serious historical inquiry, often speculating on theories lacking concrete evidence, Arthur emerges as a potent tool for propaganda, a theme we will examine closely. The course surveys a wide array of sources ranging from contemporaneous Latin and

Brythonic writings to seminal literary works, fictional narratives, and cinematic adaptations, supplemented by a cursory examination of archaeological evidence. Notably, no prior familiarity with these subjects is presumed or necessary to participate effectively. Through this multifaceted exploration, participants will gain insight into the enduring allure of Arthurian legend, its historical significance, and the various ways it has been appropriated and manipulated throughout history for diverse ends.

What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

What other support is available?

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