



Course details

Course title

Literature: Victorian Literature Through the Decades - The 1840s

Course code

Q00016886

Course date

Start: 07/01/25

End: 01/04/25

Number of classes

13 sessions

Timetable

Tue 7th Jan, 14:30 to 16:30

Tue 14th Jan, 14:30 to 16:30

Tue 21st Jan, 14:30 to 16:30

Tue 28th Jan, 14:30 to 16:30

Tue 4th Feb, 14:30 to 16:30

Tue 11th Feb, 14:30 to 16:30

Tue 18th Feb, 14:30 to 16:30

Tue 25th Feb, 14:30 to 16:30

Tue 4th Mar, 14:30 to 16:30

Tue 11th Mar, 14:30 to 16:30

Tue 18th Mar, 14:30 to 16:30

Tue 25th Mar, 14:30 to 16:30

Tue 1st Apr, 14:30 to 16:30

Tutor

Greta Depledge

Fee range

Free to £100.80

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

In venue

Venue

Exeter Community Centre (Exeter)

17 St. Davids Hill

Exeter

EX4 3RG

Level of study

Advanced

Course overview

During this course we will consider a wide range of novels that were published in the 1840s as a continuation of an exploration of literature published through the decades of Victoria's long reign. We will consider a range of novels by both male and female writers: Barnaby Rudge (Charles Dickens 1841); The Luck of Barry Lyndon (W M Thackeray, 1844); Sybil (Benjamin Disraeli, 1845); Agnes Grey (Anne Brontë, 1847); Shirley (Charlotte Brontë, 1849). The 1840s were a prosperous time for many but but this decade was also known as the Hungry Forties. The 1840s also saw the growth of the realist novel.

Course description

The purpose of this course is to consider literature from the 1840s with a view to forming a greater understanding of 'Victorian Literature' by looking at a number of texts published from each decade of Victoria's long reign.

The 1840s was a time of great prosperity for many with the industrial revolution bringing about the growth of many industrial towns and cities resulting in vast numbers of people migrating from rural areas into growing urban spaces. Progress did mean opportunity for many. However this period was also known as the 'Hungry Forties' so there was also significant social inequality. We will consider the following texts: Barnaby Rudge (Charles Dickens 1841); The Luck of Barry Lyndon (W M Thackeray, 1844); Sybil (Benjamin Disraeli, 1845); Agnes Grey (Anne Brontë, 1847); Shirley (Charlotte Brontë, 1849). We will consider the social and political context of the texts to be studied and consider the narrative techniques and styles we see in these diverse texts.

In subsequent courses we will study the decades from the 1850s through to 1901. It is of course not compulsory to study each course and learners may choose to dip in and out for the decades they are most interested in.

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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