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Course details

Course title

Literature: Dickens and the struggles of life

Course code

Q00013086

Course date

Start: 16/09/24

End: 11/11/24

Fee range

Free to £67.20

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.

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In venue

Venue

Krowji (Redruth)

West Park

Redruth

TR15 3AJ

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

For Charles Dickens, writing and worrying went hand in hand. His books were knitted together out of his own anxieties and struggles. And yet, despite the weight of all these worries, his novels are never depressing. To read Dickens is to glimpse the possibilities of new life. We all probably intend to read Dickens 'one day.' We all know his characters from various films and TV adaptations, so perhaps the time has finally come to get stuck into a major work. On this eight-week course we will read 'Little Dorrit.' We will also study some of Dickens's essays, short stories, and letters. You may already be a Dickens enthusiast, or a complete newcomer to his work. Either way, I hope that you will join us to explore a writer whose books still have the power to move and enlighten us today.

Course description

Isn't it high time we started reading Charles Dickens? We all know his characters from various film and TV adaptations, and yet the books themselves look so big; the days - so short. But perhaps the time has finally come to roll up our sleeves and get stuck into a major work. On this eight-week course we will explore his beautiful novel, 'Little Dorrit.' We will also study some of Dickens's essays, short stories, and letters and ask how he managed to write so much stuff, while remaining such a moving, vital artist.

This course will include various approaches to studying Dickens:

- + Teaching will be conducted in seminars, so you will have the opportunity to share your own impressions of his writings with other students
- + Each week, you will have short 'quota' of reading, so we will work through 'Little Dorrit' in stages, together.
- + You will be encouraged to write your own short pieces about your favourite passages, and what they mean to you
- + We will also explore the role of public recitation in Dickens's life and work.

You may already be a Dickens enthusiast. Or (lucky you!) you may be complete newcomer to his work, perhaps thinking of pursuing a GCSE, or A level or, a even degree in literature. Either way, I hope that you will join us to explore a writer whose books still have the power to move and enlighten us today.

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.

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