



## Course details

### Course title

History: Silence in Court - Famous trials from British History

### Course code

Q00017736

### Course date

Start: 15/01/25

End: 12/02/25

### Number of classes

5 sessions

### Timetable

Wed 15th Jan, 14:00 to 16:00

Wed 22nd Jan, 14:00 to 16:00

Wed 29th Jan, 14:00 to 16:00

Wed 5th Feb, 14:00 to 16:00

Wed 12th Feb, 14:00 to 16:00

### Branch

Billingshurst

### Tutor

Peter Blood

### Fee range

Free to £50.00

### 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**

Billingshurst Community and Conference C  
Roman Way  
Billingshurst  
RH14 9QW

## **Level of study**

Beginners

## **Course overview**

Every famous trial is a snapshot of history in the making. We see the cast of characters strutting on the stage that is the court room, acting out their roles against the backdrop of forces that are often beyond their control - the letter of the law, the power of the state, the force of prejudice, the facts of the case. Their focus is the outcome of 'their' trial, but ours is more than that; why is this trial famous, how did it change things, what lessons does it teach us? Join Peter Blood to study the people, issues and outcomes in five famous trials from British history, with a view to understanding their political, social and legal significance.

## **Course description**

Each famous trial offers a vivid snapshot of history in the making. In the courtroom, a cast of characters steps into the spotlight, performing their roles amidst the weighty influences of law, state power, prejudice, and the hard facts of the case. While the participants are focused on the immediate outcome of their trial, our perspective stretches further. We delve into the reasons behind the trial's fame, examine its transformative impact, and uncover the valuable lessons it teaches us.

Adding an element of intrigue, the specific trials we will study are kept secret until the course begins, ensuring an engaging and dynamic learning experience. This approach encourages anticipation and curiosity, as students eagerly await the reveal of each landmark case. Open to everyone, this course provides a unique opportunity to explore the historical significance of these pivotal trials. We will investigate how each trial shaped legal precedents, influenced societal norms, and reflected the political climate of its time.

By the end of the course, participants will not only have a deeper understanding of these famous trials but also an appreciation for their lasting impact on society. Join us in this educational journey to uncover the stories behind some of history's most significant legal battles.

## **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?**

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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