

Course details

Course title

Literature: 19th Century Russian Literary Classic - War and Peace

Course code

Q00017327

Course date

Start: 12/09/24

End: 12/12/24

Fee range

Free to £96.20

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.

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Online

Venue

Online

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

This course will explore Leo Tolstoy's classic nineteenth-century novel War and Peace. The novel was originally published in the 1860s and provides readers with a panoramic study of early nineteenth-century Russian society. This novel is regarded as not only one of the finest examples of Russian literature but also one of the world's greatest novels. We will consider the fragmented publication of the novel and its social and political context. The novel's historical setting is the

French invasion of Russia in 1812 which was seen as a turning point in the Napoleonic Wars and a period of patriotic significance to Russia.

Course description

Over a 12 week period this course will study Leo Tolstoy's classic nineteenth-century novel War and Peace. This novel is a monumental work and warrants slow reading and extensive study which is why an entire 12 week course will be devoted to this one novel. Regarded as one of the world's greatest novels this course will consider the social and political context of the work. We will consider the fragmented publication history which the novel had. We will also explore the use of realism and historical detail that Tolstoy brings to his study of the French invasion of Russia. The novel is set 60 years before Tolstoy began writing the novel but it is well known that Tolstoy was meticulous in his research for this novel. As well as the narrative that includes both fictional and real characters, spanning the period 1805 to 1820, the novel also contains essays in which Tolstoy gives his views on war, power and the nature of history and how it is recorded. This is a complex and compelling work that will broaden our knowledge of 19th century literature, history and narrative technique. We will also reflect on the different editions that are available of this text and what this tells us about translating and editing such a vast and complex work.

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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