



## Course details

### Course title

Creative Writing: Creating Well Rounded Characters

### Course code

Q00019788

### Course date

Start: 05/02/25

End: 05/03/25

### Number of classes

4 sessions

### Timetable

Wed 5th Feb, 10:00 to 12:00

Wed 12th Feb, 10:00 to 12:00

Wed 26th Feb, 10:00 to 12:00

Wed 5th Mar, 10:00 to 12:00

### Tutor

Nicola Torode

### Fee range

Free to £29.60

### 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**

Beginners

## **Course overview**

What's at the heart of any story? A well-rounded character! Discover ways to make your characters so engaging that the reader can't put the story down. From expressing a range of emotions, contradictory behaviours, hidden desires, flaws and more. Learn how to create a character we care about, one the reader can root for. A multidimensional character is more lifelike and engaging for your reader. This workshop and course is intended for those who have some experience of writing. This course will introduce the learner to accessible and generative journaling exercises to explore their writer's mindset and process and help them plan and think more deeply through expressive writing about their work in progress. Journaling can help with developing a positive mindset: to keep motivated after rejection; It can also help develop confidence as you free-write and keep up momentum rather than ponder and choose the right word. Journaling can also be used for planning and going deeper into your thoughts and ideas about your current piece of writing.

## **Course description**

This course briefly introduces you to some ways to make your characters more layered and complex. We'll take inspiration from characters from published stories including fiction and memoir and apply some of the techniques studied with a range of writing exercises.

We'll look at what details are included to help draw a well-rounded character beyond the description of appearance to character traits, quirks, secrets, bad habits and flaws. We'll work on putting our character into a variety of situations to bring out a range of responses.

You'll be invited to share some of your writing and/or reflections with other students in small break out rooms.

During the four-week course you'll be invited to submit a piece of writing which will be workshopped in the session and you'll be given written feedback from the tutor.

The four-week course starts Feb 5th to continue and deepen the learning

## **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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