

Course title: Doris Lessing's Early Rhodesian Novels		Course ID: C2226749
Start date: 16/09/2019	End date: 14/10/2019	Day(s)/time(s): Mon 14:00
Number of sessions: 5	Hours per session: 2	Tutor: Virginia Gay
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements: Half term 21/10/2019		
Awarding body (if any): Title of qualification to be gained:		Level: Level 2
Fee: £42.50 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded) Accreditation Fee (if applicable):		
Venue: Kings Centre, King Street, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 1PH		
Theme(s): The WEA has four themes it uses for planning its provision. Employability – helping students to get a job or to make progress in their employment Health and Wellbeing – making a positive contribution to their own or others health and wellbeing Community Engagement – encouraging students to be positively involved in their communities Culture – learning about diverse cultures, identities and environments		
The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are:		
1. Culture Education 2.		

Course Aim The formal purpose of this course is to introduce readers to the early life and work of Doris Lessing.
Course Description In 1949 a young woman in a colony then known as Southern Rhodesia packed up her little son and the manuscript of her unpublished novel and left for London. Her name was Doris Lessing and she was born one hundred years ago. In this course we shall read some of her early fiction and consider how she set out on the path which was one day to lead to the Nobel Prize for Literature.
Do I need any particular skills or experience?
What will I achieve? By the end of the course I will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Describe the cultural climate in which Doris Lessing grew up.2. Explain the path to the publication of <i>The Grass is Singing</i>.3. Reflect and describe the importance of this early work to Doris Lessing's literary reputation.
What teaching methods will be used and will there be work outside of the class? - The WEA tutor will use a range of different teaching and learning methods and encourage you

and the group to be actively involved in your learning

- You may be asked to undertake additional work in your own time to support your learning
- Every week a reading will be suggested for the next week's class.

What kind of feedback can I expect from the tutor?

- You will have opportunities to discuss your progress with your tutor
- You will be encouraged to share your work with the group and discuss your learning
- You may measure your progress in discussion with other members of the class and by means of the WEA's Individual Learning Record.

What else do I need to know? Is there anything I need to bring?

- It would be helpful if you had access to the internet (Mobile phone, tablet or computer at home or through a library etc.)
- Nothing is essential. A notebook, a pen and access to the internet might be helpful to you.

Pre-course work, reading and information sources

- No pre reading or pre course work is required
- Nothing is required, but a little reading in advance is always useful. If you were to read one thing before the first session, I would suggest that you read Doris Lessing's first novel, The Grass is Singing.

Possible next steps after this course (including career opportunities if appropriate)

- Progress to another WEA course
- This course is not assessed, nor is it part of any formal progression. Many students will already be members of the WEA. They will also be volunteers in groups and societies of all sorts.

Learning with the WEA

WEA courses increasingly make use of the rich variety of educational tools and material available on the internet and from digital devices. The WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas will play an increasing role in all WEA courses to provide resources or support, or to conduct lessons, enable assessment, provide learner feedback and for other activities for individuals away from the course. It is helpful, although not essential if you have access to a computer or smartphone to support your course.

You can read about your entitlements and responsibilities as a WEA student in our leaflet, Student Handbook here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/student-support> This includes information on fees, learning support and financial support. As part of your course you accept our Learning Agreement and Privacy Notice. Full details of the Learning Agreement and privacy notice can be found on our website at <http://www.wea.org.uk/policies>. This applies to all courses you take in this academic year.

You can enrol online for some courses <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/course-search> or contact: WEA Support Services, Suite 10B Joseph's Well, Hanover Way, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS3 1AB Tel: 0300 303 3464 Email: courseenquiries@wea.org.uk



