

WEA Course Information Sheet 2017-18



Course title: How Short Stories Work: 1892 - 1925		Course ID: C3528863
Start date: 06/02/2018	End date: 20/03/2018	Day(s)/time(s): Tue 10:15
Number of sessions: 7	Hours per session: 2	Tutor Cath Humphris
Additional hours:	Specific funder/partner requirements:	
Awarding body (if any): Title of qualification to be gained:		Level: Level 2
Fee: £50.00 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded) Accreditation Fee (if applicable):		
Venue: The Ashcroft Centre, 21 Ashcroft Road, Cirencester, GL7 1RA		
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. Health and Wellbeing		

Course Aim
To read and discuss a range of stories from the selected anthology, with a view to discussing how techniques in story telling developed.

Course Description
Each week we will look at two stories from The Penguin Book of the British Short Story: 1: From Daniel Defoe to John Buchan. We will discuss writing techniques and developments and compare and contrast stories. Key questions will include: 'What makes a good short story?' and, 'How does this story work?' For the first session, please read Silver Blaze, by Arthur Conan Doyle, & Behind the Shade, by Arthur Morrison.

Do I need any particular skills or experience?
- No skills or experience needed
- This course is suitable for beginners and improvers

What will I achieve?
By the end of the course I will be able to:
1. Discuss our reading experience.
2. Compare and contrast the style and content of selected stories.
3. Identify a range of story-telling techniques.

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
- It will be useful to have read the two set stories before each session.

What kind of feedback can I expect from the tutor?

- A range of informal activities will be used by the tutor to see what you are learning which may include quizzes, question and answer, small projects and discussion
- The tutor will set class exercises and give informal feedback about progress. Group discussion and self-assessment will also be encouraged.

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

- The Penguin Book of the British Short Story: 1: From Daniel Defoe to John Buchan (Penguin Classics) Paperback version £12.99 from Amazon. Kindle version also available.
ISBN-10: 0141396008
ISBN-13: 978-0141396002

Pre-course work, reading and information sources

- Please read *Silver Blaze*, by Arthur Conan Doyle, & *Behind the Shade*, by Arthur Morrison for discussion at the first session. A negotiable reading schedule will be supplied for the following sessions.

Possible next steps after this course including career opportunities if appropriate

- Progress to another WEA course
- Progress to a course with another provider
- Become involved with the WEA in a range of voluntary work and other activities including campaigning as a WEA member
- Become involved as a volunteer for a WEA partner or another organisation
- You could progress to Higher Education courses. Follow link to the PEARL website for information <http://pearl.open.ac.uk/>
- Access the WEA What Next? booklet here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/what-can-i-do-next>

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 a Learning Agreement. Full details of the Learning Agreement can be found on our website at <http://www.wea.org.uk/about-us/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

