

LIFELONG LEARNING

PERSONAL ENRICHMENT CLASSES FOR INQUISITIVE ADULTS

Creative Writing 2

Lifelong Learning Class (LLWRC 825)
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CREATIVE WRITING II

Class Description: This course will focus on a group of specific techniques for shaping and informing your writing, including voice, tone, and point of view; use of tense; and use of detail. Through analysis and discussion of sample texts and numerous in-class exercises, we will work toward achieving vivid precision and the creation of engaging narratives, fiction or non-fiction. Each session will focus on a different tool or group of related tools; come prepared to read, write, and discuss. **This class explores adult themes, language, and content.**

Class Goal: Students should come away from this class possessing a greater knowledge of the theory and mechanics behind their art, have more confidence that their writing matches their intentions, and have more enthusiasm for writing by possessing better skills in its creation and editing.

Materials: Please bring pen and paper to every class (or laptop, iPad, etc.) for notes and in-class exercises. Please also bring any assigned reading.

Class Syllabus

Week 1: Story Elements

Characters
Conflicts
Setting
Show & Tell
Dash of Poetry
Choices
Key Details

Homework for week 2

READ: "The Waking"

WRITE: Character Introduction

WRITE: Cinquain

Week 2: Building Blocks

Theme
Personal Essay
Layered Writing
Opportunities - Parts of Narrative
Scene & Sequel

Homework for week 3

READ: "Hills Like White Elephants"

WRITE: Romantic Scene

Week 3: Structure

Intimacy
Wordplay
Scenes
Arcs
Outlines

Homework for week 4

READ: "There Will Come Soft Rains"

WRITE: Scene from Scene Outline

Week 4: Supports

Symbolism
Secondary characters
Subplots
Twists
Epistolary

Homework for week 5

READ: "The Storm"

WRITE: Epistolary Scene

Week 5: Sharing

Simile and Metaphor
Goals
Critique Groups
Editors
Publishing
Audience

Homework for week 6

READ: "How to Become A Writer"

WRITE: Flash Fiction

Week 6: A Life of Letters

Write What you Know
The Artist
Success

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