



Course 5 – Extended Character Development

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Creative Writing Courses with Colin

The creative writing process is fun and imaginative, yet complex and systematic. Learning to successfully write creatively goes far beyond simply having a good imagination.

Throughout the 2020 and 2021 school year we will be offering short 5-week creative writing courses each with their own specific focus and objectives. Together, these courses combine to create a thorough, complete preparation which allows children to expand their imagination while developing their writing skills.

Each 5-week course *is run separately* and students can choose between all, some or a just a single course. Participation in previous courses is not required as each course has its own specific objectives and activities.

5 x 1-hour sessions Cost: 70GBP

Course participants will be grouped in ages of 7-8-9 and 10-11 years old. There is a minimum of 3 students required for a course to open and a maximum of 6 students to ensure that each participant receives the personalized feedback and support they need to succeed.

Live sessions are conducted via Zoom while materials and homework are delivered through Google Classroom.

Join us as we generate creative energies and funnel them into beautifully engaging language skills that will last a lifetime.

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Class 1 - Character Archetypes and Arc

12 Archetypes will be explored by categorizing well-known characters. The Character Arc showing development and change in character will be connected to these well-known characters to solidify the idea that great characters are dynamic.

Students will be able to:

- a. Categorize known story characters by their archetype
- b. Describe the character arc of recognizable characters
- c. Create a character arc for their own character

Class 2 – Describing your Character

Internal and External descriptive words will be discovered and connected to the character which students will develop through the end of the course.

- d. Select clear, descriptive language to accurately describe a known character. Extend vocabulary.
- e. Develop and describe their own character. Apply vocabulary.

Class 3 – Background Story and Conflict

Our past creates our present situation. Developing a clear idea of our character's history will enable us to better understand them, thus adding depth to the current conflict and situation.

- f. Imagine how past events lead to current beliefs and situations
- g. Create background stories for their characters.
- h. Indirectly refer to background events to develop current understanding.

Class 4 - Wants, Needs and Obstacles

Wants and needs define a character, though often what we see on the surface hides the real necessities of what the character needs to develop and succeed.

- i. Classify wants vs needs of known characters
- j. Develop clear goals for their characters, both superficial and unconscious

Class 5 - Connecting Character to Story

Connecting our individually created characters to a story plot. Quick character creation games in small groups.

Students will be able to:

- k. Describe how their character will travel their arc and fit into the story plot.
- l. Develop comprehensive character descriptions on-the-spot