



Course details

Course title

History: Early C20 Literature and War

Course code

Q00021667

Course date

Start: 10/06/25

End: 01/07/25

Number of classes

4 sessions

Timetable

Tue 10th Jun, 15:00 to 16:30

Tue 17th Jun, 15:00 to 16:30

Tue 24th Jun, 15:00 to 16:30

Tue 1st Jul, 15:00 to 16:30

Branch

Berkhamsted

Tutor

Guest Speaker

Fee range

Free to £30.00

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

The First World War, the rise of fascism and the Second World War between them reshaped global history in the early C20. Dr Simon Gregor, as a historian, has spent years studying these dark years of European (and indeed global) history. At the same time, Simon's first degree was in literature, and in this course he will examine how this period of history also reshaped the way in which people thought about, and wrote about, the world.

Course description

In each of the four weeks of the course, we will focus on a different literary text: the poems of Wilfred Owen; ""All Quiet on the Western Front"" by German WW1 veteran Erich Remarque; ""Journey's End"" by R C Sherriff; and finally ""The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui"" by German playwright Bertholt Brecht. We will explore each as a work of literature, and also as a lens onto changing attitudes: to warfare, to literature, and indeed to the very idea of what it means to be part of a ""civilised society"".

It is not necessary to read the listed texts before the course (unless of course, you want to).

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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