

# 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

Choices  
Conflicts  
Show vs. Tell *but* Less is More  
Dash of Poetry

Homework for week 2

READ: "The Waking"

WRITE: Character Introduction

WRITE: Cinquain

#### Week 2: Building Blocks

Theme  
Personal Essay  
Parts of Narrative  
Layers  
Scene & Sequel

Homework for week 3

READ: "Hills Like White Elephants"

WRITE: Romantic Scene

#### Week 3: Structure

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

The Artist

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