



The Lantern English Co.
The Creative Writer

Creating Living Characters – Syllabus

Course Description: While we can't promise that your characters will literally leap off of the page, this course will get them as close as possible. Learn the skills of brainstorming a unique character through everything from character “interviews” to personality types, then develop your already-existing characters with backstories, engaging voices, plot-moving motivations, and more.

Prerequisite: *Intro to Creative Writing* or equivalent writing experience.

Course Outline:

Week One: Analyzing Characters

Week Two: Strengths & Weaknesses

Week Three: Brainstorming

Week Four: Crafting a Noble Hero

Week Five: Crafting a Relatable Antagonist

Week Six: Crafting a Supporting Character

Week Seven: Development & Motivations

Week Eight: Voice

Grading Information: All assignments will be graded using *The Creative Writer Rubric* and averaged to receive a final course grade.