



The Lantern English Co.
The Creative Writer

The Novel – Syllabus

Course Description: Aspiring novelists, welcome! In *The Novel*, we will discover what makes a strong novel, develop striking characters, learn how to structure a whole book, and discuss important topics like beating burnout and editing successfully. Whether you have written a dozen novels or want to begin your first, this is the class for you. *Prerequisite: Intro to Creative Writing or equivalent writing experience.*

Course Outline:

Week One: Form - What is a novel?

Week Two: Style - What makes a novel great?

Week Three: Characters - Who are our stars?

Week Four: Plot - How do we structure an entire novel?

Week Five: Writing - How do we write a novel, overcome burnout, and fight writer's block?

Week Six: Impressions - How do we introduce and close our novel?

Week Seven: Editing - How do we edit a novel?

Week Eight: The Playground - Tips for writing bonus content, crafting book covers, drawing illustrations, and keeping our novel-writing process fresh

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