

Course Syllabus  
The Craft of Writing: English Writing & Literature

**Course information:**

This course is targeted to grades 11-12

The class size will vary from 5-10 people

This class will meet online for a weekly 1-hour class over 6 weeks

Students may attend all 6 lectures or attend individual lectures

This course will cost \$25/student per lecture (\$150.00 total for 6-week class)

**Course description:**

This course will focus on the craft writing and the elements necessary to write a compelling essay. Students will learn to read a text, interpret it carefully, and effectively communicate their discoveries through their writing. This course is offered through in-person online lectures and will thrive on student interaction.

**Learning Objectives:**

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

- ✓ Practice close reading
- ✓ Identify story structure
- ✓ Identify and craft a strong thesis
- ✓ Identify and craft a structured paragraph
- ✓ Find and use strong textual evidence in a piece of literature
- ✓ Find and use secondary sources
- ✓ Write a compelling short essay on a piece of literature

**Texts:**

Students will engage with the following works:

- Excerpts from *Three Men in a Boat* by Jerome K Jerome
- *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens
- “The Gift of the Magi” by O. Henry
- Others: TBD

**Other classes offered:**

1-on-1 writing tutorial – (\$30 per tutorial)

English Writing & Literature for grades 9-10 (6-week course)

Book Study and Writing for grades 6-8 (6-week course)

**Meet the Teacher:**

Renée (Cyr) Heron’s love of literature and writing began and grew during her years as a homeschooler. After graduating from highschool, she went on to study at Briercrest College where she received her BA English. During that time, she tutored high-school and university students in writing and literature. She now works as a copywriter. Renée lives in Cornwall ON with her husband and her ever growing collection of books.