**LITERATURE**

**The Waste Land**
Sarah Anthony MA  
**Study Morning:** Saturday 30 March 10am – 1pm  
**Location:** University of Kent Medway, Chatham Maritime  
**Course fee:** £17.50

The Waste Land by T. S. Eliot is generally considered to be one of the most important poems of the 20th century and a central work of modernist poetry.

This three hour lecture aims to shed some light on this notoriously difficult poem, situating it in its historical and literary context and exploring the form, themes and allusions that make it such a rich and rewarding work of literature.

“On or about December 1910, human character changed.” The outbreak of modernism in England during the early twentieth century is defined by the shared interest of modernist writers in cutting ties with established forms and subjects embraced by their Victorian predecessors. Modernist poets mixed informal and elevated language, experimented with free verse, and presented complex allusions and fractured images. T S Eliot’s The Waste Land, published in 1922 is widely considered to be the great, but difficult masterpiece of modernist poetry. This three hour lecture aims to cut through some of those difficulties, situating the poem in its historical and literary contexts, and exploring the form, themes and allusions that make the text such a rich and rewarding subject for study.

Copies of the poem will be provided as handouts. Students are invited to read the text beforehand (a copy of the poem can be emailed/send at request) **but this is not essential.**

**About the tutor**

Sarah Anthony studied for her Masters degree with the Open University, specialising in postcolonial nineteenth century literature. For the last 12 years she has taught undergraduate students and adult learners in courses ranging from Shakespeare to the postmodern. She currently teaches for the University of Kent and the WEA.
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Medway Campus, Chatham
- The course will be taught at the Medway campus in Chatham.
- You will receive details about which building and room on the campus will be used for the seminar approximately one week before the seminar date.
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