



Light Up Education

Putting education in the spotlight

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Living History, Creative Writing, Politics & Dance workshops

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Immersive, engaging and exciting





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Formerly Peter Sawyer Living History



With extensive school experience as well as a background in history, entertainment and performance. DBS checked and with over 15 years' experience of working with children, Light Up Education has a passion for hands-on education and for bringing this enthusiasm right into your school.

Following the success of Peter Sawyer Living History, Light Up Education now offers History, Creative Writing, Politics and Dance workshops and for pupils from Key Stage 1 to 4, and specialist lectures for Key Stages 3 and 4.

Experiences can be tailored to suit your school timetable, learning objectives and pupil needs.

What staff and students have said about Living History:

"A fab day for all- 100%" - Lisa Page, Key Stage Lead, Wellingborough

"Entertaining, really informative and related well to the students... a genuine enthusiasm... which has inspired the students" – Julie Pilkington, Head of Humanities and Yr7, Aylesbury

"Our visitor stayed in role all day... The best way to learn history!" – Mark Conway, Yr5 teacher, Witney

"We had a fantastic day... a good mix of activities... 100%" – Rachel Nicholas, Yr4 teacher, Redditch

"The children were engaged throughout- 100%" - Sophie Billington, Yr3/4 teacher, Rutland

"The best workshop we've ever done!" – Aurelia, Yr 4 student, Staffordshire

"This is our second year using Living History and once again we were blown away... passion and dedication is remarkable... brings Roman Britain into the modern era and the children haven't stopped raving about it and you!" – Anna-Marie Rooney, AHT, Redditch

"Can you come back again tomorrow?" – Lydia, Yr4 student, Hertfordshire

We also have references available from schools that we have worked with since 2018 that are available on request

For more information, see below,

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HISTORY

History is the core of what we do, how we started and our biggest passion. For secondary schools, we offer a choice of whole day experiences or one-lesson workshops

Light Up History offers:

Key Stage 3

- φ Anglo-Saxon England 600-1066
 - War and Peace, The Seven Kingdoms of England, Æthelfæd of Mercia, Was Alfred Great?
- φ The Norman Conquest 1066 and beyond
 - The Twin Battles of Stamford Bridge & Hastings, Harrowing of the North
- φ The Crusades
 - First Crusade, Peasant's Crusade, Richard Lionheart and the Third Crusade
- φ England's campaigns in Scotland and Wales
- φ The Peasant's Revolt 1381
- φ 100 Year's War
 - Crécy, Agincourt



Key Stage 4

- φ Medieval England
 - Feudalism, Church & Society

Key Stage 5

- φ James I
 - Gunpowder Plot, Witchcraft
- φ Charles II: Plague & Fire

All workshops are delivered in historically accurate costume and can be tailored to your school timetable and learning objectives



We also offer Ancient Egyptian, Ancient Greek, Ancient Roman, Viking, Tudor and World War 2 Homefront workshops, which can be arranged as needed.

Spotlights are a chance for a class or a year group to be totally immersed in an experience

- **The Vikings are coming!** – 1 or 2 Days – Ideal for schools studying Saxons and Vikings in different year groups. Swithin son of Ælfric of Saxon Ware and Sigurd Sigurdsson of Norse Sæwinesborg will deliver separate Saxon and Viking workshops before preparing for a cultural exchange and an epic battle! (**History**)
- **Medieval Court** – 2 Days – Experience all sides of Medieval nobility from education and behaviour to craftwork and warfare. Learn to talk, walk, dance, fight and behave like you have been transported to the 14th Century. (**History**, **Dance**, **Creative Writing**)



Creative Writing workshops are designed to take pupils on the creative process of creating their own story, from short story to novel

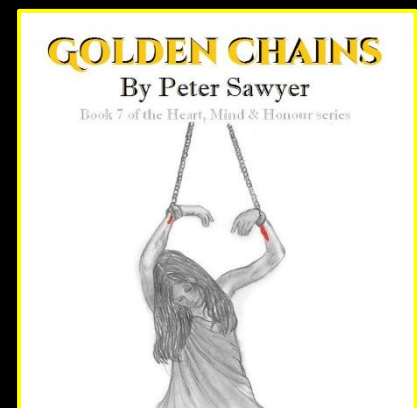
Light Up Creative Writing offers:

- ☒ **Fantasy** – Do your pupils want to be the next Rowling, Tolkein or Pullman?
- ☒ **Modern** – Something contemporary: drama, adventure, mystery, crime or humour.
- ☒ **Historical** – A period piece set in the past- real or imagined- pirates, Tudors, Romans...
- ☒ **Freestyle** – Allows pupils to choose their own setting.

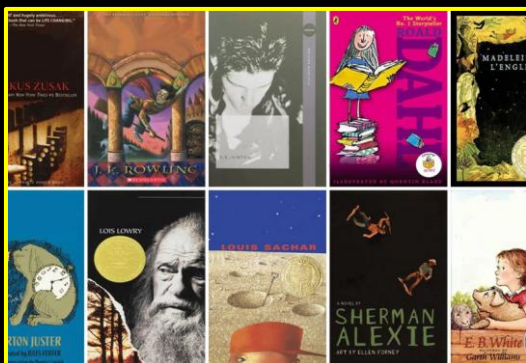
Suggested programme

Designed as a full-day workshop or to be divided between multiple classes. This can be done through computers or tablets, alternatively 'the old fashioned way' with paper and pen.

- ☒ **Introduction**
- ☒ **Writing prompts and ideas**
- ☒ **World design**
- ☒ **Character creation**
- ☒ **Plotting the plot**
- ☒ **Vocabulary**
- ☒ **Covers**
- ☒ **Self publishing**



Peter Sawyer has been writing since he scribbled bad sci-fi in notebooks on the school bus as a teenager. Since then, he has self-published almost 20 books in epic fantasy, contemporary true stories, historical fiction and modern supernatural.



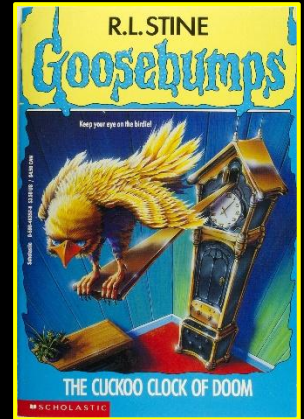
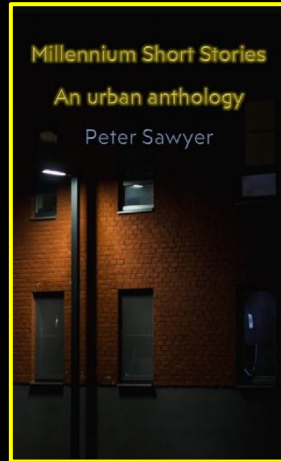
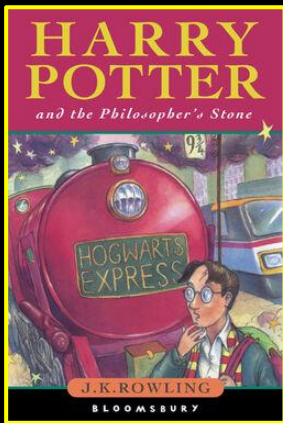
Creative writing workshops are crafted to help inculcate a love of both writing and reading, exploring themes and characters and use the inspiration of authors from many periods and of many styles, combining elements of art, group and independent learning, drama, and creative thinking.

Linking to your theme

Creative Writing workshops can be linked to your other subjects: studying a World War, learning about Ancient Rome, looking at pirates or the Wild West, whatever else you are studying, your pupils can base their story around the subject.

Plan in hand!

The day will end with all students having a plan to write their story. This can be done over the course of literacy lessons, research periods and as homework to get the finished article. The plan can be kept as a part of the work or disassembled to form part of the complete story.





Experience the cut and thrust of debate in historical parliaments or set an election in motion

Light Up Politics offers:

- **Parliaments** – Explore and experience 3 different democratic institutions: Ancient Athenian Assembly, Medieval English Parliament and Modern British House of Commons
- **Elections** – Set up and run an in-school election using real or invented political parties

Parliaments programme

- **Introduction** – What we're doing, a brief overview of democracy, what it is and what it does
- **Ancient Athens** – How Ancient Athens was ruled and the prototype of all the institutions to follow; *demos kratos* – power to the people
- **Medieval English Parliament** – The medieval parliament grew out of the Plantagenet king's royal court into an assembly of representatives chosen from the counties and towns of the realm
- **Modern British House of Commons** – The current seat of the British legislature and the modern methods of making laws
- **The Debate** – Students pick a subject to debate and the process of the House of Commons is followed: picking parties, making speeches and taking a vote on the motion.



Elections

Elections can be done within the workshop class/group or as a wider school event.

- **Introduction** – Welcome to the elections! How the process will work and what we will be doing
- **Parties** – What are political parties? How do they work and what do they do? Students research existing political parties and can they either 'adopt' one or create their own
- **Leadership** – Who makes a good political leader? Which ones are successful and which are the failures? Who will lead the new parties?

- **Manifestos** – With parties in place, students create their manifesto. This is the election platform, looking at the pros and cons of different policies and aims
- **Voting system** – Proportional Representation, First Past The Post, Single Transferrable Vote or Acclamation? Secret or public ballot?
- **Vote** – Cross in the box time!

Whole school election

Elections can be used as a whole school Community/PSHE experience. With the workshop as a base, an election can be set up across the school as a way of choosing school council members, an insight into elections or just as an event.

Combined workshop

Using the Modern British House of Commons section and the Election workshop together, to conduct the election and then hold the first Commons Debate. This can even include a 'State Opening of Parliament' by the King. A great way to explore and experience the full range of British politics. Do-able in a day but best over two.

Adaptable & flexible

Politics workshops can be tailored to suit your learning objectives: focus on Medieval or Regency Parliaments, stick with more modern systems, study Ancient Athenian government in more detail. Sessions can be adapted for any size of group and are flexible to your school timetable.



In collaboration with Julie's Dance Tuition, get your dancing shoes on for ballroom, Latin American, freestyle and traditional that can be used for PE, specialist dance workshops or as part of history experiences

History workshops

As part of Viking, Crusader, Medieval or Tudor workshops, we can include an interpretation of a folk or court dance appropriate to the period. Simple to learn, easy to practice and fun to do, let Embla or Julie guide students through a historical dance routine as a programme option in your History workshop.

PE enrichment

A single class, a year group cohort or sessions for the whole school in Ballroom, Latin American or freestyle. An energetic variation for PE sessions that teach children a variety of rhythmical expression, varieties of movement and working as a group, with a partner and solo. These can finish with a fantastic "Strictly-style" dance competition.

Special occasion

What better way to cap off a special day than a dance display? Finish off your topic week, celebration, assembly or fete with a specially-choreographed routine. Alternatively, get your Strictly shoes on for a teacher's show or charity event.

Examinations and qualifications

If you want to look at a longer-term programme, students can work towards an OFQUAL-accredited grade or IDTA amateur medal. This could be as a series of workshops, lunchtime or after-school clubs. Please get in touch to discuss your needs and see how we can help. Dance workshops are subject to some geographic restrictions.



Workshops provided by
Julie Sawyer EIDTA
www.juliesdancetuition.co.uk

What we need

- Appropriate space- depending on the size of the group and the subject this could be anything from a classroom to a hall
- Ideally 2 members of staff
- Some history workshops and creative writing will require some basic additional resources (please get in touch for more details)

Cost and booking

History - £200-£350 per day

Creative Writing & Politics - £175 - £250 per day

Dance - £200-£350 per day

Prices dependent on group size and location

Recommend a colleague or another school and both get minimum 15% discount!

Discounts available with multiple bookings

Ideal for covering multiple topics with different year groups, a school-wide event such as a themed history week or for a fantastically detailed look at a subject for a single group/class through our Spotlights.

Also available for school fetes, fairs and other special days by arrangement

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