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### D969 - Webinar - A Character Approach to Teaching Dracula (set text, AS & A Level Literature 2024)

**Dates:** 24 April from 17:30 hs. to 19:30 hs. - 2024

**Venue:** Distance

**Sessions:** 1

**Minimum attendance for certificates:** 1

**Vacancies per school:** 5

**For:** Language and Literature teachers interested in teaching Literature, in general, and Dracula, in particular.  
Literature lovers interested in discussing this novel from a critical perspective

Please enrol before: **2024, Apr 19th**

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**Objectives:**

- To identify the main problems and challenges teachers and student may face when analysing Dracula
- To account for the main conflict(s) in the novel
- To explain how the construction of characters and the setting contributes to the main conflict(s) in Dracula
- To analyse the cultural and political implications of the novel
- To discuss possible strategies, activities, resources and dynamics to tackle Dracula in class

**Contents:**

- Narrative crises by the end of the 19th century.
- The construction of England as an Empire: industrialisation and expansionism.
- The concepts of "reverse imperialism" and "anxiety of reverse colonisation".
- The consolidation of the bourgeoisie.
- Sex and gender. Contesting models for women: "the Angel in the House", "the New Woman", the femme fatale.
- The woman writer: "anxiety of influence" vs. "anxiety of authorship".
- The nature, functions and status of the vampire.

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- Methodology:**
- Recovery of attendees' main difficulties when teaching literary texts and of their previous knowledge about the novel and its author
  - Discussion of the problems related to the context of production
  - Introduction to the main thematic concerns of *Dracula*
  - Exploration of specific features of the novel –polyphony, characters, setting, conflict, etc.
  - Guided group analysis of *Dracula*