Literary Studies beyond the Classroom: A Web-Based Platform for Students’ Literary Creative Projects

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Abstract

This project aims to create an online platform that serves as a repository of students’ literary creative projects while giving students an opportunity to produce and publish a creative work for an audience that goes beyond a classroom context. The creative projects are part of the EN2717 Literary and Cultural Studies course offered by the Department of English in each academic year. Students taking the course work in groups to produce a creative project in response to selected literary texts covered in the course. The creative response ranges from creative writing, literary journalism to adaptations of the original text. The course encourages students to connect literary texts produced in different cultural and historical contexts with the contemporary present. The use of the online platform for the creative projects not only turns the coursework into a community practice, but it also deepens students’ understanding of the intricate relationship between mode of publication and literary creativity.