

**\*ゼミタイトル Seminar Title**

An in-depth analysis and discussion of two novels: *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe* by CS Lewis; and *Animal Farm* by George Orwell.

**\*授業概要 Outline of the contents**

CS Lewis is one of Britain's best loved children's authors and is famous for writing the 'Chronicles of Narnia' which comprises of seven books. *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe* was the first of these books to be written and will be read during the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> we will read a short novel Semester —*Animal Farm* by George Orwell. Both novels have been made into movies and we will also be watching them during class.

**\*授業の形式 How the class is conducted**

The set text for Semester 1 is the novel *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe* by CS Lewis. Although this novel is written as a 'fairy-tale', it is actually a religious allegory and as such, in addition to 'fable' and 'allegory', students will also become acquainted with terms such as 'satire' and 'irony'. The set text for Semester 2 is the novel *Animal Farm* by George Orwell. Although this novel is written as a 'fairy-tale', it is actually a political satire, and as such, in addition to 'fable' and 'satire', students will also become acquainted with terms such as 'allegory' and 'irony'. By reading, analysing, and discussing these two texts, students' will be introduced to the cultural, historical and religious aspects of British society in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and beyond.

**Method**

Students taking this Seminar should be interested in English language, British culture, and reading fiction. Classes will consist of short lectures and group discussions. The discussions will be based on the course readings from one of the novels that will be assigned as homework. All students must participate in class. This means reading the book at home and discussing it in English during the class. Each week we will read about ten pages. Students will be provided each week with questions, key words and themes to guide their reading. Students will demonstrate their understanding of the novels through weekly review questions and discussions. There will be a short presentation during each semester.

**\*課題・成績評価基準 Requirements and Assessment**

- Reading two Books: *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* (1<sup>st</sup> Semester) and *Animal Farm* (2<sup>nd</sup> Semester)
- in-class discussions
- weekly reading worksheets
- presentation