

# LIFELONG LEARNING

PERSONAL ENRICHMENT CLASSES FOR INQUISITIVE ADULTS

## Literary Querying

Lifelong Learning Class (LLWRC 844)  
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## LITERARY QUERYING

### The Art of Rejection

*Class Goal: A hands on instructional workshop detailing the realities and forms of modern literary querying. Students should come away with an understanding of the methods and tools needed to send creative work to agents and editors for publishing consideration.*

Online Resource are available at:

<http://johnnyworthen.com/SharedResources/LLWRC844/SharedLLWRC844.html>

### Class Syllabus

#### WEEK 1: This is War!

Introductions & Plans  
Motivations, goals, and realities  
The publishing world  
Gatekeepers  
Tools and Weapons  
The Manuscript  
Sharp Points

*HOMEWORK: Log Line, Tag Line, Comparable Titles, Meet Comp, Blurb, Synopsis*

#### WEEK 2: Commence Battle!

##### Workshop

Elevator Pitch  
Biography  
First Pages  
Query Letter

*HOMEWORK: Elevator Pitch, Short Bio, Query Letter, First Page of Manuscript*

#### WEEK 3: Contact with The Enemy

##### Workshop

Get in the Game  
Finding Targets  
Dealing with the wounds  
Success

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