

## **Introduction to Literary Forms**

The form of a literary work is significant in determining the way it will unfold. This course will introduce students to the different forms in English literature. The framework or the literary structure chosen by an author influences certain factors outside the purview of the literary act. Factors, such as the audience, publication and reception of the text, comprise the subtext of the literary work. The course will make the students perceptive towards the link between forms and these subtexts. It will also encourage a critical, nuanced and a more contextualized reading of literary forms. The course will include a study of poetry, novel, short story, drama and essay through some representative texts. These forms will be discussed in terms of their origin, characteristic features, history and evolution.