

St. Joseph's College of Commerce

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Department of English

BBA General English

Sem I and III

Academic Year – 2024-25

BBA General English – Semester I

Ways of Storytelling

Course Description: Storytelling is an ancient art. There have been different forms of storytelling in the past and there are newer forms that are joining the list. In the current times, we need more storytellers, in diverse ways possible. At this point in history people are using stories in gaming, advertisements, and various other platforms. This reinstates the need to get familiarised with different ways of storytelling. This course introduces students to songs, speeches, photographs, and retellings as ways of storytelling. The stories of the self and the collective are equally necessary, this paper brings these two together through the select texts.

Course Objectives:

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- to understand how countercultures are produced through various mediums
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Course Outcomes:

At the end of the course, the students will be able to

- demonstrate the ability to identify narrative aspects in musical texts
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Module 1: Music and Stories

10 hrs

1. Blowin` in the Wind – Bob Dylan
2. Redemption Song - Bob Marley
3. Enjoy Enjaami – Arivu and Dhee
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Module 2: Retellings

15 hrs

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7. Shoorpanak – Koodiyatam Performance by Kapila Venu
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Module 3: Speech as stories of communities **15 hrs**

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Module 4: Visual Storytelling **5 hrs**

12. Mumbai ke kinare - Instagram
13. Myself Mona Ahmed – Dayanita Singh

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