



# The Story and Art of Pixar

A PBS Adult Continuing Education Online Course

Open to All Interested Students

No Prerequisite Courses Required - Appropriate for All Students

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## Dates & Times

Fridays ONLY, 11am-1pm EST

- May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021

## Course Information and Registration

- Class is held on the Zoom platform
- Tuition for full course is \$350
- All students receive a Certificate of Completion
- Register with credit card online:

<https://www.positivebehavior.org/adult-education.html>

See Reverse Side For Full Course Description

Questions?

[AdultEd@positivebehavior.org](mailto:AdultEd@positivebehavior.org)

## Course Description: The Write Stuff: Creative Writing Class and Workshop

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This course will take its students behind the scenes of the groundbreaking company Pixar, that pioneered a new generation of animation and forever changed the face of filmmaking. We will view the history of how this studio came to be, the minds behind the operation and how they combined their gifts in art, science and business to launch a new way to make 3-D animated films and have a historic impact on filmmaking forever. Ed Catmull, John Lasseter and Steve Jobs overcame years of creative struggle and financial loss to launch an entirely new animation industry. Starting with the first full length CG film Toy Story, Pixar has entertained millions of people worldwide, and established an unprecedented and as yet unparalleled record of box-office success. We will review and study the classics of Pixar such as Toy Story, Bug's Life, Monster's Inc, Cars, Up and much more. We will also view several Pixar shorts and discuss the ideas and thoughts behind them, read abbreviated literature based on particular stories, and also study and view the breathtaking behind-the-scenes visual process of colorscripts. Colorscripts are the sequential paintings that visually represent key story moments from each film and set the lighting, color, and tone during the filmmaking process. Since Toy Story's release in 1995, Pixar Animation Studios has set the standard for contemporary animation with a range of their classic and influential feature films and shorts that they have produced. Join us to infinity and beyond!

### Your Instructor

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Thomas Conklin is an educator who has been working in the field of education and human services for over 25 years. He has recently provided education and life skills instruction to individuals living in a residential school on Long Island. Tom loves to advocate for individuals trying to better their lives and truly enjoys promoting positive spirit amongst any group that he is a part of. Tom loves teaching PBS ACE classes. It is with great hope that any student joining this particular class will broaden their knowledge and have fun while doing so.

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*PBS Adult Education classes are taught using various instructional methods tailored to the specific needs of adult learners. Students will be encouraged to develop critical thinking, research and study skills, and utilize technology for learning and collaboration. All students benefit from being engaged with interesting material and collaborating with other students.*