

Gail Durham, Portland, Oregon

*“John Case brings a high level of enthusiasm and an impressive depth of understanding of English Literature to his tutorial sessions with you. He will tailor sessions to answer your specific needs and interests.”*

Sean Denniston, Washington DC

*“When I was at Oxford, I had many tutorials in History, but nothing else. So it’s really stimulating and a lot of fun to experience the Oxford-style English Literature tutorials with John Case that I never had when I was at university. John is a gifted teacher, learned, witty and accommodating to the needs of the working professional. I am learning new things every time we meet.”*

Mary Gardill, Boston, MA

*“If you are looking for a gift for yourself or a friend, I would highly recommend a series of Oxonian Tutorials with Professor John Case. After beginning my conversations with John during the holiday pandemic season, I found his observations, preparation and selection of the poetry to be of great interest. He always prepared my lesson in advance and sent the poems in advance of our appointed lesson time. He is filled with enthusiasm and has the ability to capture the beauty of the language. The rhythm of the conversations opened up a greater understanding of the poetry for me which helped me to bridge the context between the mid 1600s and contemporary times.*

*Reading the poems aloud with John’s guidance gave me a great appreciation and understanding of the poetry which I would never have achieved alone. Among his talents, he is both an historian and an engaging teacher. Our Zoom webinar, as experienced from week to week, was entirely remote from England to Boston. This was a surprisingly effective format.*

*There is a peace to be found in these poems and in the poets’ understanding of their world that is highly comforting in our technologically-driven society. The poets also share a certain joy and certainty of God’s reliability that is surprising and creates an underpinning for their work. John and I started with Christmas Poems by George Herbert and Thomas Hardy, and John prepared a curriculum that was appropriate to my interests and the time I had available for these lessons.*

*John is a talented and knowledgeable guide to English Literature. His enthusiasm for the lesson always sets the stage for an invaluable experience. It is always amazing to find how much territory we can cover in just an hour, which seems like only minutes. I find myself looking forward to John's lessons each week and have come to find the regularity and the quality of the conversation to be personal, significantly beyond the experience of other prevalent webinars.*

*I would highly recommend John Case as a professional tutor in the subject of English literature and poetry. He offered private lessons to me over the course of several months and I found the experience of reading the poems with John to be profound. Reading the poems aloud with John's guidance has encouraged my appreciation of the genius of the writing in a way that merely reading alone would not. I do not think you could find a better tutor or one more dedicated to the subject because John is gifted in adapting his teaching to the level of the student, which leads to encouraging more exploration of the subject of literature.*

*John has the talent and knowledge to convey his deep understanding and appreciation of English Literature. This tutoring exercise has yielded some surprising results. It has improved my focus generally, perhaps acting like a type of meditation because the subject matter is so different from the rest of my day. Consequently, my vocabulary, my appreciation of history of the period and my appreciation of the lives of writers has certainly expanded and has yielded more benefits than expected. This effort has also helped me to put the events of our times into perspective.*

*I would also recommend this activity both for people who are new to the material and those with more sophisticated knowledge. If you choose John as a guide for your quest in exploring literature, not only he can help to broaden or narrow the scope of the literature to be analyzed and appreciated, but he will also be a sure teacher in suggesting an appropriate sequencing of the material. His choices seem natural and help to frame the material. His tutoring could be appropriate for someone who is engaged in home schooling, someone in a transition, or who is looking to learn something new from someone who is genuinely knowledgeable.*

*Because I was interested in exploring poetry with some religious themes, John suggested we start with Christmas Poems. As that endeavor proved worthwhile, we moved on to read The Holy Sonnets of John Donne which were an especially interesting group of poems as John had an expert understanding of Donne's life and religious experiences. Then, we also*

*read some Metaphysical poetry which had certain attributes that John identified in a way that enhanced my appreciation of the literature. As an American and a graduate from some Oxford programs, it was especially interesting to hear the individual moral courage expressed in the poetry and to appreciate the English works read by an Englishman in context of the culture of Oxford and the U.K."*