



## Writing from Antiquity

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**Sunday, April 24 to Friday, April 29**

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the Writing from Antiquity class at Ghost Ranch, April 24-29, 2022. I'm looking forward to meeting you on Sunday night. Check-in time is after 3:00 pm and dinner is from 5:30-6:30 pm. You can find information about the Ghost Ranch shuttle from Santa Fe to the ranch on the Ghost Ranch website. When you arrive, please check in at the Ghost Ranch Welcome Center and learn where our first meeting that evening will be located. Dinner is served from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm, breakfast from 7:30 am to 8:30, and lunch from noon to 1 pm. After dinner on the day of arrival, we meet for orientation at 7:00 pm.

Each day we visit ancient sites, including a pueblo village, rock art area, and ancient Spanish church. Hiking will be easy to moderate. In afternoon and evening classes we will write about what inspires us, perhaps our relationship to our own ancestors and the memories and insights our day adventures evoke. There will also be free time to explore the Ranch. This could include visiting the Museums, hiking the Ranch's many trails, a trail ride, or going on the Georgia O'Keeffe tour or one of the other Ghost Ranch tours. You will need to register for them online at GhostRanch.org or at the Welcome Center by calling 505.685.1000. There is a charge for the tours.

**Here are some things to bring: a FLASHLIGHT, good hiking shoes or boots, water containers (be prepared to carry at least 2 quarts), a small daypack, a good hat and sunscreen, clothes for warm and cool weather, a few pairs of socks and rain gear.** Rain gear is important in the high desert where the weather is variable in spring. It will be cool at night, so be sure to bring a **warm jacket and sweaters**. Please bring your **SENIOR PASSES to the National Parks**. And **BINOCULARS**. They will be useful. During our hikes and in the evenings, we will talk together and write. So be sure to bring a **journal you can carry in your day pack** and, of course, pens or pencils.

Some of you may want suggestions of what to read before you come. I've listed a few of my favorites below. But please don't feel you need to look at these. I'll be giving you a handout with the information, and these books are available in the Ghost Ranch library.

Craig Childs, *The Secret Knowledge of Water*, (Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 2001).

Fergusson, Erna. *Dancing Gods: Indian Ceremonials of New Mexico and Arizona*, (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1931).

Lekson, Stephen. *A History of the Ancient Southwest*, (Santa Fe, School of Advanced Research Press, 2009).

Malville, J. McKim and Claudia Putnam. *Prehistoric Astronomy in the Southwest*, (Boulder: Johnson Books, 1993).

Schaafsma, Polly. *Indian Rock Art of the Southwest*, (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1990).

I'm looking forward to these days in April. If you have registered, let me know when you receive this, I would love to hear from you. And please feel free to call or e-mail me anytime with any questions you may have.

With Best Wishes,  
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