

A-Level English Literature Workshops: New Student Questionnaire

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1a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped me to develop and improve my close reading and critical thinking skills.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

☐

Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

It has taught me what sorts of questions to ask when reading a text and I have been able to practice reading more closely

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Learning to read through various critical lens has been very relevant to my coursework, and it was thought-provoking to learn about the different Marxist beliefs and the overlap between Marxism and postcolonialism

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

I still think similar things about the topics we studied, but I now know more about them

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped to prepare me for future assessments.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

It has helped me to consider looking through my exam texts from a different perspective and come up with more interesting ideas

5. If you have any additional comments or suggestions for improvement, please explain these below.

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

The analysis of specific extracts helped me develop my close reading / analysis.

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

The different ideologies will be relevant to my coursework. - Introduction to new ideologies were very thought-provoking and informative.

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

The introduction to Marxist ideology was interesting as I had never seen it before

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped to prepare me for future assessments.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Yes - analysis of texts (unseen) helped me develop my skill.

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

reading and analysing passages whilst considering critical viewpoints was really interesting

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

It felt like a step up from A-level and stretched my brain in new ways

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

I was able to think more in depth

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped to prepare me for future assessments.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

It will help with coursework and essay writing

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

I had more knowledge of the different news texts following this lecture.

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

the worksheets provided were thought-provoking and encouraging

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

helped my understanding of marxism + post colonialism

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped to prepare me for future assessments.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

This will help me with my course work for my A-level

5. If you have any additional comments or suggestions for improvement, please explain these below.

~~A/A~~ N/a.

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Although looked at critical views
more looking at extracts
from books helped close
- reading.

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Will need these critical
views for my coursework
& given me ideas of
books to use wider
than my initial list.

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

N/A

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped to prepare me for future assessments.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Same as 3b.

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N/A

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

I am now able to identify an english literature text through the marxist, colonialism and feminism lens

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

It allowed me to learn about the different theories which would be relevant for my coursework.

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

I now understand the difference between female and feminist and also learn more about the feminism theory.

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped to prepare me for future assessments.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Allowed me to explore the different lenses that I would need to use for my coursework.

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Helped me none in on specific lines and Structural techniques

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Provided me different POVs when reading a book

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Developed my initial understanding of Marxism and Post-colonialism

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped to prepare me for future assessments.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Unseen text will be easier now I have an initial understanding of how to approach it

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Thought about marxism + feminism in a deeper level then I had previously

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Useful for coursework topics

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

post colonialism → still happening
in most
areas

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped to prepare me for future assessments.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Helped provide me with info for coursework +
Yr 13

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

taught about marxism theory in a detail i
hadn't yet done

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

AQA course work

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

'post' colonialism

↳ still happening in many areas

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped to prepare me for future assessments.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Learning how to take a critical view
of literature eg. colonialism

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

time spent analysing extracts of the literature through different lenses.

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Lots of time for discussion allowed us insight into different interpretations of the ideologies and the extracts.

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

particularly whether, how we should
define + see ~~post~~ colonial literature

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped to prepare me for future assessments.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

A-level coursework - marxist,
post-colonial, feminist

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Able to learn and apply different lenses to texts

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

interesting to learn in more detail about theories I didn't know as much about

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

learned more on different topics that
I feel I can now have a more
informed opinion on

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped to prepare me for future assessments.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

English coursework

5. If you have any additional comments or suggestions for improvement, please explain these below.

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

~~thought me~~ looked at various pieces of literature through different lenses, and analysed them

2a. I found the lecture and workshop(s) useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

learnt about different ideologies ~~and~~ that I did not know as much about

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) have changed the way I think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

• Provided me with the knowledge to analyse literature through different ideologies

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped to prepare me for future assessments.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

• Taught me more critical thinking and to use ideologies in my future analysis

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1a. The lecture and workshop(s) helped my students to develop and improve close reading and critical thinking skills.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

The level of analysis required was really high and was modelled well by the lecturer. Really interesting ideas were explored that before pupils did their own close reading.

2a. The lecture and workshop(s) were useful, thought-provoking, and relevant to my students' learning.

Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

The lectures were amazingly interesting. It was ~~an~~ amazing for the students to have their knowledge and understanding challenged beyond the curriculum and beyond the western-centric Canon of texts and literary movements.

3a. The lecture and workshops(s) were received well and have changed the way my students think about a particular topic, text, and/or issue.

Agree

☒

Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Pupils were really engaged and challenged to think beyond their usual, comfortable presumptions.

4a. The lecture and workshop(s) have helped my students to prepare for future assessments.

Agree

☒

Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

I was excited about these lectures (again!) because they are not focused on assessments. However, the grounding in critical material will help them with NEA.

5. If you have any additional comments or suggestions for improvement, please explain these below.

It was absolutely brilliant - so enjoyable and so interesting! Thank you!

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Agree

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Disagree

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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