

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

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Extensive context helped to influence analysis of the poem, societal beliefs and social constructs that were even implemented in law helped gain a wider understanding of the text.

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 context of social structure that's very opposing to modern reality, especially with the contrast of cultures meant that I gained a wider understanding of other perspectives.

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 lecture was detailed orientated and informative and helped progress my learning of other cultures and their poetry.

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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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

This has helped with the importance of context in regards to a poem.

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Agree



Neither Agree nor Disagree



Disagree



1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

How different genres and orders make a difference.
3 questions to ask whilst reading

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

Agree



Neither Agree nor Disagree



Disagree



2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

I am not doing work unrelated to anything from African for my A-level course but we do look at poetry.

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 have had very interactions with this part of history 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:

We don't do anything related to African Literature / Poetry but this may help me with the anthology part of my course at A-level.

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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 that the points on the order of names used
in the poem was quite 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:

no complaints really

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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:

~~Don't~~ Don't really think about South Africa after

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

Agree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Always good to practice analyzing

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

We worked on a poem I wouldn't have normally read so I had to work harder to understand it.

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Similar poems with similar ideas are in the English A-Level poetry anthology.

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Agree

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No! It was perfect.

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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:

Shown me how to dig deeper into poetry and the meaning of simple things

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:

Sitting language exam soon

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:

Still look at it the same

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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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

I can now explain things better in poetry

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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 now understand better how to analyse a poem

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 helped me understand a text in more detail and read between the lines

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 will now look for where words are positioned in the future

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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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

helped me analyse better

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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 believe the lecture and workshop has helped me to understand the necessary steps when diving into a piece of literature were creating a better understanding of the work

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:

This will help with my exams at the end of the year

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:

shows there's more to
a text than previously thought

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:

I have exams in 5 months

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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 session helped me to read in between the line.

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 helped me ~~the~~ to improve my criticism.

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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interesting topic.

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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 have learnt new information about Apartheid in South Africa that I previously did not know.

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:

Definitely thought provoking as the information was not anything I had learnt about previously

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:

Again I had very limited knowledge surrounding Apartheid in South Africa

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:

I am unsure whether I will take English at University, or not, but if I do this will be very helpful

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N/A

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Helped me to understand how to look deeper into things

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Disagree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Helped me to look deeper into the context of race, I found that very interesting

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

Agree

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Agree



Neither Agree nor Disagree



Disagree



1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

-able to practice my analysis of texts → helpful for my A-levels
-prompts + advice from teacher were helpful.

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

Agree



Neither Agree nor Disagree



Disagree



2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

-useful for english language a-level

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 me to learn more about what I previously knew → was not aware of South African racial history in particular

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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:

-lecture environment → helpful for university

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

-Thank you 😊