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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:

→ collaborative discussion allows different perspective and ideas  
→ use of new technical terms 'paradoxes'  
→ context informed discussion.

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:

→ links to Poetry analysis club extracurricular which I co-run & co-host w. Therefore added contextual info to help inform our new theme 'lost in translation'.

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

→ The ideas that nothing is binary e.g., black and white. People can be divided but come together in their hatred of each other.

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:

→ How to complete a close reading of a whole text in a short amount of time.

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

N/A.

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Agree



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Disagree



1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

discussion with many people helps to develop ideas and see new perspectives that is really useful. Helps learning to analyse techniques then expands on what they mean - helping to understand the depth of the poem

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:

Very thought provoking emotional poem, was so interesting and useful to my learning and understanding to experience one opinion and to see many discussion really useful. The poem makes me see famous literary pieces like Romeo and Juliet for John appear in modernism meaning it is really useful and relevant.



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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Sharing ideas was fascinating but we had similar views and thoughts so it developed my opinion but not changed it.

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Really fascinating and interesting lecture, very successful and should keep the discussion style.

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Open and wide discussion with varying interpretations helped my own understanding of the text and its themes greatly!

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:

A lot of our curriculum is focused on social barriers, As an extra curricular, I co-run a poetry analysis club; our term's theme is 'lost in translation' look at misunderstanding, social barriers and opposing viewpoints, ~~we wish~~ we hope to look at a few of Adam Smith's poems in the future after this session!

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

→ ~~know~~ the parallels drawn between the poem and Romeo and Juliet really put into perspective historical context and situations.

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

→ the session encouraged me to look more at alternative interpretations of the same quotation - something I often forget to do!

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

It is relevant to my learning as it covered the theme of love, however it was also thought provoking as I had not yet read any South African literature before.

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Group discussion and analysis 10 mins

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:

discussion and interesting facts about apartheid  
I didn't know.

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:

didn't realise the extent to which division between races was  
anyone or that it applied to love

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

→ I loved being able to discuss my ideas with my peers.

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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:

→ Yes I feel inspired to look into more of Adam Smith's work.



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Agree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

↳ I already had some knowledge on Apartheid

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Agree

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↳ helped my analysis skills

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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

The lecture allowed me to realise that there is a depth of literature that has been hidden under colonisation.  
I have been encouraged to read more widely and to read closely to understand deeper, cultural meanings.

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 lecture added ~~to~~ knowledge to my A-level curriculum.  
I learnt lots in literature outside of Europe.

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:

*Allowed me to view literature from a different cultural view.*

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:

*Added to my A-level knowledge of lore in literature.*

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Helped me understand how to use my A03 to develop my textual understanding and further analysis.

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Agree

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Disagree

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Yes, as it was directly related to the course I was doing so can easily be used to improve my essay skills.

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

- Helped me relate to context to author's intentions.

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 improve my AO3 and AO1.

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