

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:

The context provided was very useful, as well as the guidelines while analysing poems.

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:

There were many connections to my study of A-level English literature, which I can take forward into my future learning.

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:

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:

connecting context and the intentions of the writer.

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 Analysing and discussing a poem with the knowledge of university lecturers was ^{a great} ~~an~~ really nice way to practice close reading skills.

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 workshop was very relevant to my A level course, showing us different perspectives from ~~the~~ ^{the} Apartheid that are unfortunately not included in the specification.

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:

This changed the way I viewed Love Through The Ages, as a really interesting insight into how it is affected by an oppressive state.

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

Agree

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Partially 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:

~~the~~ this was a in the workshop was a useful practice of analysing poetry!

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Thank you so much for this session. It was very engaging and enjoyable.

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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:

Through listening to a variety of interpretations it has encouraged me to formulate opinions/ideas ~~structure~~ about the intentions of the writer ~~and~~

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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:

It made me realise the extent of how love ^{and community} can be affected by politics and colonization which we don't hugely touch on in the curriculum.

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:

It has made me more interested ~~into~~ in studying the effects of colonization in 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:

I feel I developed my close reading skills

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Agree



Neither Agree nor Disagree



Disagree



1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Hearing other people's thoughts and personal interpretations of the same poem allowed me to look at the words and language used in from different perspectives.

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:

The context of love under apartheid and the struggles of people ~~across~~ throughout history in regards to love due to political and discriminatory barriers was quite useful. ~~and~~

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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:

The history and degree of separation in Apartheid Africa was a thought-provoking insight as I had previously been not quite as knowledgeable ~~aware of~~ the issues as I feel I should have been.

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 helped me develop closer reading and analysis skills integrating historical and political context, ~~will be something~~ and this is something I will definitely use later.

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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:

Individual discussions (not guided) → close reading skills were practised, not developed

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:

Pooling ideas at the end of smaller group discussions was quite facilitating to more ideas

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:

They inspired further / deeper thought, rather than provoked a change

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:

Not directly relevant to our current learning, as the literary canon for AQA English lit is rather whitewashed

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More time for discussion + more feedback from lecturers might be good?

But the session was quite good overall :)

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

it helped me look deeper into the poem and think critically about deep meanings and literary techniques.

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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:

it made me think more deeply about the poem and its meaning and its political relevance in poetry

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Agree

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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

it gave me more insight on the topic and I also learnt more about issues with colonisation

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

we aren't really assessed on this topic but it did help my skills a bit.

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

very relevant as the poem was analysed in a way we'd analyse a text.

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made me think more about the apartheid that I previously didn't know much about

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Analysis of texts.

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→ There wasn't enough time to really unpack the poem, but the hearing multiple perspectives was helpful

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→ Input from peers was useful.

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it was more informative but not influential

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

give more structure on how to approach the analysis of an unseen poem.

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Wasn't really enough time

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Agree

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Neither Agree nor Disagree

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

It would have been if I took English Lit

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