

## A-Level English Literature Workshops: New Teacher Questionnaire

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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:

My students are speaking with great confidence & using academically impressive vocabulary re: post-colonial perspective in their study of Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. So, they're applying to texts BEYOND this exam component.

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:

SAF Contributions to today's seminar really pushed reluctant students to speak. They were inspired by your anecdotes & stories.

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

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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 think they've been given insight into the BROADER, BIGGER picture of what literature can do.

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

They have appropriate vocab to use.  
They are comfortable with it too.

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

I think everything was timed to perfection. Students were given freedom to construct their own arguments without constraints. They had to organise their own groups.

I'm sorry! My answers are so jumbled!! This experience is so valuable.



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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 text was challenging and so I liked trying to unpick the metaphors and make sense of the language

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:

I enjoyed sharing ideas and hearing other interpretations because it allowed me to read the text in a variety of ways that I never would have thought of.

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 helped me to further understand and empathise with the lives of colonised people.

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 gave me an insight into what to expect from a university literature lecture.

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

It opened my eyes to a different genre of text which is important as South African modernism isn't prevalent in the education system. The checklist on how to read texts was also useful as it ~~taught~~ taught me a new way in how to approach and analyse a 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:

This lecture was relevant to my learning as we're studying 'The Tempest' which we read from a post-colonial perspective. We are also studying the modernist text 'Passing' so it helped me to develop my knowledge on modernism as a whole which I can apply to 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 wasn't aware that modernism was a product of South ~~America~~ Africa and not Western cultures

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 apply my knowledge of modernism and colonialism to the texts we're studying eg The Tempest

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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 enjoyed working through a modernist text and attempting to analyse this.

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:

Understanding a variety of literature forms is very thought provoking.

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's helped me to analyse text from a view of colonisation.

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:

It has helped me read from different perspectives.

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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 lecture has certainly broadened my view of the modernist era of the 1920s-30s. It was very good to read more by Olive Schreiner as we had already studied a short story of hers.

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:

I found the lecture and workshop thought-provoking as we were encouraged to share our thoughts and feelings to the opening of 'The story of an African farm'.

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 and workshops have changed the way I think about colonialism as it has opened my mind up to modernism.

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 open up my mind and prepare me for future assessments for our unseen literature work.

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A huge thank you to the both of you!



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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:

understanding modernism as a way of self expression and breaking away from realism expectations

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 high lights thought provoking ideas and evoke difficult emotions and can adjust ~~to~~ views.

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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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:

gave context on 1880s-1910s to help  
come with understanding

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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:

• Hearing other people's opinions about 'The March', as it extended my knowledge on modernism.

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:

• I found this lesson relevant to my poetry and also my text we are looking at in lesson.

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:

How colonialism affected even children and how it made people feel.

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 my understanding has been widened due to the way the lesson was delivered.

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I enjoyed the lesson and how we were given a chance to give input, thank you!



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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:

introduced to close reading which helps with more difficult texts e.g. modernist

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:

helped develop my knowledge of colonisation

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:

listening to other people's interpretations of the text helped me understand and change the way I interpreted it

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:

more knowledge to add into assessments that would help increase analysis

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:

Very ~~useful~~ informative and I felt more confident in my analysis 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:

I can use this extract for my studies and it has inspired me to read more texts with this view.

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 now been well informed about the horrors of 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:

*I can use my skills I have learnt today to develop my exam skills*

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

It helped me to have a better understanding of context and how I can link it to my analysis to find new facets ~~of~~ and meanings of 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:

They definatley made me think more about what I choose to read and why, as well as being applicable to different areas of study.

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 helped me to independently question my biases while looking at different genres

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:

They gave me a wider scope of context to apply

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

Maybe include more suggestions for further reading.



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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

they have given me new perspectives, helped me understand the sheer depth of the text and how every word is deliberate and holds symbolism for something, whether big or small.

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 better understand different perspectives and thoughts.

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 have helped open my eyes to the true struggles everyone and everything was subjected to.

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:

the language and techniques have helped me build my literature knowledge.

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