

### 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:

The focus on Mauritian poetry was fabulous - some of the prompt slides really dug into ideas of both literary form and perspective, encouraging our students to see poetry as a conversation between reader, writer and the characters within each poem.

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:

Not only is this lecture highly relevant to the close reading component of English Literature A Level paper 1B (AQA) it is also developing their sociocultural awareness of issues around migration and colonialism, and multiculturalism.



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:

Students were enthusiastically engaging in debate about (Khal) Torabully's poetry, they all considered the colonised slave's perspective - this prompt encouraged them to think about the voice of the poem in a more complex way.

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:

It is fabulous for preparation for Aqa Paper 1B, paper 1c (pre 1900 poetry skills) and understanding of the historicist aspect that runs throughout Aqa A Level.

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

A highly enjoyable lecture which was simultaneously challenging, thought-provoking, yet accessible for all.  
Thank you!



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Disagree

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1b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

It has been very interesting in the way analysis and context were able to blend together and deepen the ideas that are explored within the 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:

I did not know much about Mauritius before this and this session was very interesting in letting me know more about the history of colonialism.

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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3b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

I learnt a lot more about the natural and postcolonial approaches to looking at 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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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Yes they have because they have helped me do better in my close readings of texts.

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I really enjoyed the usage of historical context within the session, it really helped to understand the themes entrenched within the verse.

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2b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

As someone who cares very deeply about culture and diverse perspectives I absolutely loved this session!



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It helped me view nature from an alternative perspective - it is often glorified within literature, especially the symbol of the sea!

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My unseen poetry skills have been tested - I often prepare poetry with my peers for sessions, so it was nice to test myself this time!

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This was amazing!!! I loved it!

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I am introduced to new themes that was not discussed in class, for example our conversation on the slave / colonisers' perception treatment of nature. I loved the depth of this discussion!

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Kevin is very knowledgeable and provided many great points for us to think about!

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↳ reading beyond the literary method and how they tie into contextual information.

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↳ poems selected from a diverse, POC background to expand understanding of culture and analysis of different literary texts.

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Nothing else - thank you!

- Raneat



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Workshop was very interesting → where that there's limited time → if there was more time would be great if we could do some more close reading / analysis / inference of the text together as a class rather than just group discussion.

Thank you ♥ Learned more - but Mentimeter and + thank you for your time! the impacts of colonialism on people :)



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The subject of colonisation is one that I know well, as my own home country Libya has been colonised many times in the past. But hearing about colonisation in Mauritius has opened my eyes to how the ~~effects~~ effects still exist today.

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4b. Please elaborate in further detail below:

Personally I don't study English as a subject, so this particular session hasn't affected my ~~so~~ school education but I still had a lovely experience :)

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