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1<sup>st</sup> Session

The historical and political background

2<sup>nd</sup> Session

The cultural and literary background

3<sup>rd</sup> Session

The postwar literature

4<sup>th</sup> Session

Samuel Beckett, "Dante and the Lobster"

5<sup>th</sup> Session

Wole Soyinka, "Telephone Conversation"

6<sup>th</sup> Session

Ngugi Wa Thiong'o, "Decolonizing the Mind"

7<sup>th</sup> Session

Doris Lessing, "To Room Nineteen"

8<sup>th</sup> Session

Nadine Gordimer, "The Moment before the Gun Went off"

9<sup>th</sup> Session

Harold Painter, The Dumb Waiter

10<sup>th</sup> Session

Chinua Achebe, Things Fall apart

11th Session

Tom Stoppard, Arcadia

12<sup>th</sup> Session

J M Coetzee, Waiting for the Barbarians

## 13<sup>th</sup> Session

Ann Carson, "The Glass Essay," "Hero"

## 14<sup>th</sup> Session

Toni Morrison, Beloved

## Further Reading

- Greenblatt, Stephen. *The Norton Anthology of English Literature*, Vo. II, 8<sup>th</sup> ed. Drabble, Margaret. *The Oxford Companion to English Literature*. 6<sup>th</sup> ed.