**ENG4C Memoir Book Club Activity Booklet**

Each week you need to have 1 section of your book read by that Mon. The assumption is that you will be using most of the reading strategies as you read each section but each week you are to prepare for your book club annotation by completing one (agreed upon) task related to a reading strategy from the list below then bring your findings and observations to class to share with your group on Tues. You will transfer your information onto the placemat and then hand that in as a group to be evaluated.

**The tasks are:**

Making Inferences \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Making Connections \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Asking Questions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Summarizing / Synthesizing information \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Determining importance \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

For **Making Inferences** your task is to read between the lines and draw your own reasonable conclusion about the information the author has provided. Make 5 inferences minimum. Use:

**It says** (create a quote) from the text.

**I say** (what is your immediate response to the quote? What thoughts come to your mind?)

**And so…** (Draw a conclusion that helps you and others to understand more about what is going on in the book)

**1** It says \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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For **Making Connections** you need to make one connection to yourself; one connection to the text you have already read and one connection to events present or historical going on in the world each written up in one paragraph for a total of 3 paragraphs.

**1 Connection to Yourself** Write one full paragraph providing details about something in your life that helps you relate to the text. Eg. *Persepolis - My cousin (by marriage) is originally from Iran like the main character Marjane, and her family left because of the persecution of women the reduction in women’s rights that was happening there in the 1990’s …*

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**2 Connection to the text:** Write a paragraph where you talk about how something that happens in your current section relates back to something your read earlier and what you understand now because of this new insight.

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**3 Connection to the world** Write a paragraph where you talk about something going on in the world – find information in newspapers, online, Facebook, on the radio and relate it what is going on in the book or to something your learn about a character. E.g *The main character in A Bite of the Mango has to survive a physical attack as a result of a civil war in Sierre Leon. She is attacked because she is young and a woman and an easy target. This is similar to the Boko Haran abductions of school girls in Nigeria because young women are being attacked and abducted in Africa as a result of one group trying to achieve its aims through violence against other people in the same country.*

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For **Asking Questions** you need to remember the difference between on the page, between the lines and off the page types of question. You must write 3 well thought out off the page type questions. That is, questions where the answer is not stated in the text or obviously hinted at. Then you must provide answers to your own questions.

1. Question:

Answer:

2.) Question:

Answer:

3.) Question:

Answer:

For **Determining Importance** you need to identify what you think are the three most important moments in this section (most important from the perspective of the main character). Provide a quote for each from the text and then rank them as # 1, # 2, # 3 with 1 being the most important of the 3 chosen. Explain your thinking – say why you think each is important.

# 1.

# 2.

#3.

For **Summarizing and Synthesizing** you need to identify a theme that fits the section you have just read then identify 3 pieces of evidence that support your theme. Also, identify the major conflict in the section you just read. And identify any symbolism or figurative language used within the section – these are often described relating to your 5 senses (eg. her hair was spun gold in the daylight) .

**Theme** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Evidence 1:

Evidence 2:

Evidence 3:

For the **conflict** use the format:

**Somebody** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (A character)

**Wanted** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Their desire / Motivation)

**But /And** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (What stood in their way or what did they have to do to get it?)

**So** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(What was the result / outcome?)

**Symbols:**

Taste –

Touch -

Sight -

Sounds -

Smell -