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| Subject | English FAL | Grade | 12 | Date |  |
| Topic | **Drama: My Children My Africa** | | Revision | | |
| Time Allocation | 60 mins | | Marks | 42 | |
| INSTRUCTIONS | * Indicate who spoke the words below and to whom * Indicate what was happening * Indicate what had happen before the speech * Indicate what happens after the speech * What do we learn about the speaker from the words spoken | | | | |

1. Come to order! [*Grabs the bell and rings it violently. It works. Silence*]

I think it is necessary for me to remind all of you exactly what a debate

is supposed to be. [*Opens and reads from a little black dictionary that*

*is at hand on the table*] My dictionary defines it as follows:’ The orderly

and regulated discussion of an issue with opposing viewpoint receiving

equal time and consideration.’

1. There’s a dangerous, reckless mood in the location. Specially among the

young people. Very silly things are being said, … and I’ve got suspicion

that even sillier things are being whispered among themselves. I know

he trusts you. I was wondering if he had told you what were whispered

about.

1. That’s all right. It’s just that he makes me so mad sometimes. He always

thinks he knows what is best for me. He never tries to ask me how I feel

about things. I know he means well, but I’m not a child any more. I’ve got

ideas of my own now.

1. Why? It’s only a bell, … I thought you liked the sound of it. You once told

me it was as good as music … don’t you remember?

1. As simple as that? I want Freedom as much as any of you. In fact, I was

fighting for it in my small way long before any of you were born! But I’ve

got a small problem. Does that noble fight of ours really have to stoop to

pulling down a few silly statues? Where do you get the idea that we, The

People, want you to do that for us?

1. I know what you are feeling. [*Pause*] I also loved him. Doesn’t help much to

say it now I know, but I did. Because he made me angry and impatient with

his ‘old – fashioned’ ideas. I don’t want to admit it. Even if I had, it wouldn’t

have stopped me from doing what I did, the boycott and everything, but I

should have tried harder to make him understand why I was doing it. You

were right about that. Now …? [ *A helpless gesture*] you know the most

terrible words in your language. Too late.

1. I’ve been thinking about it, you see. When I told my mom and dad about the

debate and what a good time I’d had, I could see they didn’t really understand

what I was talking about. Specially my mom. I ended up getting very impatient

with her which wasn’t very smart of me because the harder I tried to make her

understand the more nervous she got. Anyway, I’ve cooled off now and I realise

why she was like that. Being with black people on an equal footing you know … as

equals, because that is how I ended up feeling with Thami and his friends … that

was something that had never happened to her. She didn’t know what I was talking

about. And because she knows nothing about it, she’s frightened of it.