**Discussion on language**

1. If race is the core of American experience, class the core of British experience and language the core of Canadian, what is the core of Italian/French/Chinese/Albanian experience?

2. Personal experiences of bilingualism.

3.How is Canadian English different from British and American English?

4.How Quebec French different from the French spoken in France?

5. What is Franglais?

6. Which mixed languages are still spoken in Canada today?

7. How does the government in Canada try to preserve French language and culture?

**Discussion of *In the Skin of a Lion* by Michael Ondaatje**

1. In what way was it a ’spell of language’ that brought Nicholas to Canada (l.1)?

2. Explain the analogy between Nicholas’s arm and a dry cow? (l.13)

3. Why are the first travellers called ‘Judas goats’ (l. 6)?

4. What is a ‘translation dream’ (l.30)? Have you ever experienced anything similar?

5. Why were blues singers popular models for new immigrants?

6. How did changing language change the way people saw Nicholas? Do you think we are different when we speak a different language?