**TOP TEN CONTEXT POINTS ON WINTERSON**

Read through the list of points and locate pages in your text relevant to the context below. Try to locate two separate sections of the text for each bullet point. Then choose three or four that you could introduce in a relevant fashion into your essay.

* The 1970s and 1980s were a time of political and social change; manufacturing industry was in decline and factories and mines were closing, particularly in the north of England.
* In 1979 Thatcher came to power and a new form of Conservative politics was coming to the fore.
* Homosexuality had only been legalised in the 1960s and people within same sex relationships were still likely to experience levels of prejudice shocking to an audience half a century later.
* At this historical moment, patriarchy (some would argue as now) was the norm of the period, limiting women’s options and life choices.
* England was not as secular as it is today.
* Some half a century ago England was a society in which social class was a significant factor; a deferential attitude to those of a higher class was the societal norm.
* Smacking and violence within the home was unlikely to be discussed and certainly the former was quite common.
* Girls were not expected to aspire to high status employment and many mothers did not work.
* Travel was much more limited at this time and most people would rarely go abroad.
* Far fewer people went to university generally and Oxbridge was a bastion of privilege.

Once you have completed this I would like you to try and produce a similar context sheet for your second text in your groups. Ensure it is clear where you are locating your information as you will need to add it to your Bibliography.