CONTEXT

This section is do-able with the big practical input. If you are struggling, don’t forget to look at the Equus example that is on-line and that you were given. There is a podcast for help.

This is a 200 word ‘mini-essay’ not note-form.

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| **CONTEXT** |

**Autobiographical Facts**

**Bond was a child during WW2 – what would he have witnessed?**

**Bond was conscripted into the army – what would he have lost at that moment? Like which character?**

How do these facts impact his work?

**Edward Bond set out to write for what he called a ‘rational theatre’. For Bond, theatre is the servant of a Marxist or socialist analysis of society.** Do not just copy that sentence, but tell me what Bond wants from his theatre?

**It is less about the individual, more about society. It should not strive towards Catharsis, but towards analysis and social action.** Why does Bond write plays? What change does he want to promote?

The Conservative Party bought in the **Educational Reform Act in 1988** – do some research into it – what did the act do? Why was Bond opposed to it?   
**We practically explored this contextual link by …….**

**Major Events at the Time of Writing**

**First attempt to blow up the Twin Towers | Gulf War | The Rise of New Labour Unemployment rate of 12.5%**

How do these facts impact on this text?

How have we explored these contextual links practically?

**“We are not born human, we become it” this quote is the foundation of all Bond’s work**

**For context:**

**From reading the quote, say how that shapes your thoughts about the play.**Discuss how this quote influences Bond’s work

**Practically we explored this marking the moment Irene lost her innocence at the end of Part 1, to mark the moment we ……. (what did you do practically?)**

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| **Context** |
| KEY QUOTES that you might scatter within this piece of work =  “Violence shapes and obsesses our society, and if we do not stop being violent we have no future.”  “It would be immoral not to write about violence.”  “Violence comes not from our genes but from our ideas.”  “We are not born human … we become it.” | |

**At the end of the piece of CONTEXT coursework I would like you to type your sources;**

**THE WEBSITES YOU USED FOR RESEARCH**

**THE ISBN numbers of the books you utilised for research**