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English 12: Global Leadership

*Angela’s Ashes* – Chapter 3-due October 1

**Purpose**: The purpose for this activity is for you to recall what you have previously read in chapter 3. Along with recall, this activity asks for you to dig deeper into the text to find meaning.

**Directions**: Answer the following sentences thoughtfully. Please write in complete sentences. *Use specific examples from the chapter to support your answers*.

1. Why was Frank so pleased with the new house before learning the unpleasant news about it? What does this show about the lifestyle Frank and his family led?
2. Angela says that what she missed most in America was the River Shannon. How does Dad feel about the river? What does the River Shannon symbolize?
3. What is ironic about Malachy Sr.’s attitude toward work and begging?
4. The family shows a remarkable ability to cast misfortunes in a positive light. How do they choose to think of their movie upstairs for the winter?
5. When the St. Vincent de Paul men come to visit, what do they term the upstairs of the McCourts’ house? Why? How does this differ from the McCourts’ viewpoint of their house?
6. To whom does Frank try to confide his troubles and worries? What is the significance of this, and what does it show us about his character?
7. What literary device does McCourt employ in the paragraph on women’s and men’s roles on page 107. Explain.
8. On page 107, McCourt writes, “Easter is better than Christmas because the air is warmer, the walls are not dripping with the damp, and the kitchen isn’t a lake anymore, and if we’re up early we might catch the sun slanting for a minute through the kitchen window” (107). How does McCourt use the weather to set the tone of his story?
9. Go to the bottom of page 111, starting with “He calls from the bottom of the stairs…” through the end of page 112 and re-read it (it’s like half a page, stop snarling). What is the cycle of Malachy Sr.? How does this affect Angela? How do Malachy and Frank show Malachy Sr. their unhappiness that he spend the wages of his new job at the pub? What does this show?