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English 12: Global Leadership

*Angela’s Ashes* – Chapter 5

**Purpose**: The purpose for this activity is for you to keep track of what you read in chapter 5. This will help you find meaning in the text and relate it to the themes of this memoir.

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

1. What is both humorous and poignant about Frank’s description of the adult practice of “not talking to each other”? (p. 132-133)
2. What does the poem Angela recites say about her life? Why does she laugh all the way through it? (p. 134)
3. The McCourts moved back to Ireland when Frank was four. Why does Malachy Sr. still not have a steady job when Frank is nine?
4. Malachy Sr. wants Frank to be an altar boy. Why does Angela not want him to be an altar boy?

5. What causes Malachy Sr. to be disappointed in the church?

6. What does Angela say is the reason for Frank’s disappointment?