

Colonialism In Joseph Conrad Heart Of Darkness

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A landmark work from the author of Orientalism that explores the long-overlooked connections between the Western imperial endeavor and the culture that both reflected and reinforced it. In the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, as

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the Western powers built empires that stretched from Australia to the West Indies, Western artists created masterpieces ranging from *Mansfield Park* to *Heart of Darkness* and *Aida*. Yet most cultural critics continue to see these phenomena as separate. Edward Said looks at these works alongside those of such writers as W. B. Yeats, Chinua Achebe, and Salman Rushdie to show how subject peoples produced their own vigorous cultures of opposition and resistance. Vast in scope and stunning in its erudition, *Culture and Imperialism* reopens the dialogue between literature and the life of its time.

Fiction has tremendous power to portray historical truth—and to communicate history to audiences who may not otherwise attend to the subject. This book presents Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* to students and general readers as an insightful guide to the history of Europe and Africa in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. □ Presents a fresh perspective on Conrad's novella *Heart of Darkness* by presenting this fictional story as a crucial source of historical knowledge □ Explains key background information for better understanding *Heart of Darkness*, such as how Conrad's life uniquely positioned him to chronicle social and cultural history; the colonial partitioning of Africa and the founding of the Congo Free State; and the ivory and rubber trades in the Congo and the atrocities ensuing from these lucrative industries □ Provides

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the texts of both Heart of Darkness and Conrad's autobiographical "Congo Diary" along with more than 200 annotations that illuminate the links between the story and its contexts as well as identify how Conrad shaped historical facts for his fictional portrayal □ Ideal for students taking classes on modern world history, European history, African history, British history, western civilization, European colonialism, exploration and empire, or imperialism

Okonkwo is the greatest warrior alive, famous throughout West Africa. But when he accidentally kills a clansman, things begin to fall apart. Then Okonkwo returns from exile to find missionaries and colonial governors have arrived in the village. With his world thrown radically off-balance he can only hurtle towards tragedy. Chinua Achebe's stark novel reshaped both African and world literature. This arresting parable of a proud but powerless man witnessing the ruin of his people begins Achebe's landmark trilogy of works chronicling the fate of one African community, continued in Arrow of God and No Longer at Ease.

Joseph Conrad

Quicklet: Joseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness
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Exterminate all the brutes

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Studienarbeit aus dem Jahr 2003 im Fachbereich Anglistik - Literatur, Note: 2.0, Universität Leipzig, 21 Quellen im Literaturverzeichnis, Sprache: Deutsch, Abstract: [...] Lots of authors reflected in their literary works the nation's concepts and development in various ways having in mind different aims the final piece of art was meant to achieve. Joseph Conrad's novella Heart of Darkness, published in 1902, expresses a changed attitude toward the British empire and its ideological ambitions after a general enthusiasm which finds its expression in imperial novels such as H.Rider Haggard's Solomon's Mines, published in 1885. Criticism started to gain ground and although a radical and direct opposition could not yet be found, a questioning and distancing from society's conventions was

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obvious. The late Victorian period is seen as the golden age, but also taking into account the following Edwardian period, its description as an age of crisis cannot be considered to be false. The empire had achieved the biggest expansion and colonies were economically exploited to maintain Britain's status as leading power. However, the nation was more and more confronted with rival European colonial powers and had to deal with an intensified competition for markets and raw materials. Apart from this threat from outside, England was concerned with problems within the nation caused by the rapid growth of industry and fractured class relations which seemed to be unbridgeable. Poverty was a present fact especially in London and were discussions about its conditions and the deprivation among the working class. Lots of people lived in slums and their living conditions were even compared to those of slaves. Both authors had had experiences as a part of British Empire in African colonies, a fact which influenced the realisation of their works. Haggard spent part of his life in South Africa and his novel *King Solomon's Mines* can be clearly described as an adventure story and, more important, as an imperial romance. It contains distinctive features underlining the empire's ideological framework. Conrad's novella which followed almost two decades later, differs to that in a lot of aspects, which is first and foremost due to a new development in the English society and the formation of the modernist movement. His work had a great influence on artists even several decades after its publication and describes a decisive subject of literary criticism. Two of Joseph Conrad's most compelling and haunting works, in which the deepest perceptions and desires of the human heart and mind are explored. The finest of all Conrad's tales, *Heart of Darkness* is set in an atmosphere

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of mystery and menace, and tells of Marlow's perilous journey up the Congo River to relieve his employer's agent, the renowned and formidable Mr. Kurtz. What he sees on his journey, and his eventual encounter with Kurtz, horrify and perplex him. Ultimately, Conrad calls into question the very bases of civilization, human nature, and imperialism. The Secret Sharer is the saga of a young, inexperienced skipper forced to decide the fate of a fugitive sailor who killed a man in self-defense. As he faces his first moral test the skipper discovers a terrifying truth—and comes face to face with the secret itself. Heart Of Darkness and The Secret Sharer draw on actual events and people that Conrad met or heard about during his many far-flung travels. In portraying men whose incredible journeys on land and at sea are also symbolic voyages into their own mysterious depths, these two masterful works give credence to Conrad's acclaim as a major psychological writer. This edition includes: -A concise introduction that gives readers important background information -A chronology of the author's life and work -A timeline of significant events that provides the book's historical context -An outline of key themes and plot points to help readers form their own interpretations -Detailed explanatory notes -Critical analysis, including contemporary and modern perspectives on the work -Discussion questions to promote lively classroom and book group interaction -A list of recommended related books and films to broaden the reader's experience Enriched Classics offer readers affordable editions of great works of literature enhanced by helpful notes and insightful commentary. The scholarship provided in Enriched Classics enables readers to appreciate, understand, and enjoy the world's finest books to their full potential.

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Joseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness

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A Casebook

Culture and Imperialism

The Historian's Heart of Darkness: Reading Conrad's

Masterpiece as Social and Cultural History

Winner of the 2006 NSW Prize for Literary Scholarship. The

work of Joseph Conrad has been read so disparately that tempting to talk of many different Conrads. One lasting

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impression however, is that his colonial novels, which record encounters between Europe and Europe's 'Other', are highly significant for the field of post-colonial studies. Drawing on many years of research and a rich body of criticism, *Postcolonial Conrad* not only presents fresh readings of his novels of imperialism, but also maps and analyzes the interpretative tradition they have generated. Terry Collits examines the reception of the author's work in terms of the history of ideas, literary criticism, traditions of 'Englishness', Marxism and post-colonialism, before re-reading *Heart of Darkness*, *Lord Jim*, *Nostromo* and *Victory* in greater depth. Collits' incisive and wide-ranging volume provides a much needed reconsideration of more than a century of criticism, discussing the many different perspectives born of constantly shifting contexts. Most importantly though, the book encourages and equips us for twenty-first century criticism, where we must ask anew how we might read and understand these crucial and fascinating novels.

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Winner of the 2018 Cundhill History Prize
A New York Times Book Review Notable Book of 2017
One of the New York Times 100 Notable Books of 2017
A visionary exploration of the life and times of Joseph Conrad, his turbulent age of globalization and our own, from one of the most exciting young historians writing today
Migration, terrorism, the tensions between global capitalism and nationalism, and a communications revolution: these forces shaped Joseph Conrad's destiny at the dawn of the twentieth century. In this brilliant new interpretation of one of the great voices in modern literature, Maya Jasanoff reveals Conrad as a prophet of globalization. As an immigrant from Poland to England,

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and in travels from Malaya to Congo to the Caribbean, Conrad navigated an interconnected world, and captured it in a literary oeuvre of extraordinary depth. His life story delivers a history of globalization from the inside out, and reflects powerfully on the aspirations and challenges of the modern world. Joseph Conrad was born Józef Teodor Konrad Korzeniowski in 1857, to Polish parents in the Russian Empire. At sixteen he left the landlocked heart of Europe to become a sailor, and for the next twenty years travelled the world's oceans before settling permanently in England as a writer and author. He saw the surging, competitive "new imperialism" that planted a flag in almost every populated part of the globe. He got a close look, too, at the places "beyond the end of telegraph cables and mail-boat lines," and the hypocrisy of the west's most cherished ideals. In a compelling blend of history, biography, and travelogue, Maya Jasanoff follows Conrad's routes and the stories of his four greatest works—*The Secret Agent*, *Lord Jim*, *Heart of Darkness*, and *Nostromo*. Genre-bending, intellectually thrilling, and deeply humane, *The Dawn Watch* embarks on a spell-binding expedition into the dark heart of Conrad's world—and through it to our own. The first international conference ever held in Africa on the works of author Joseph Conrad took place in 1998, to mark the centenary of the publication of *Heart of Darkness*. This book draws its title from Conrad's short story, 'An Outpost of Progress' which represented the responses of a European colonial settler assumptions about progress and backwardness, in the light of his first-hand experience of Europeans in Africa at the end of the nineteenth century. 13 essays in this collection engage directly with the ways which Conrad's fiction explores and problematises the not

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of 'progress', not only at the time when he was writing but now, more than a century later. Although the relationship between modernist and postcolonial literature has been theorised by critics in Britain, Europe and America since the late 1980s, for the first time, this book brings these debates to Africa.

Heart of Darkness, Joseph Conrad's fictional account of a journey up the Congo river in 1890, raises important questions about colonialism and narrative theory. This casebook contains materials relevant to a deeper understanding of the origins and reception of this controversial text, including Conrad's own story "An Outpost of Progress," together with a little-known memoir by one of Conrad's oldest English friends, a brief history of the Congo Free State by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and a parody of Conrad by Max Beerbohm. A wide range of theoretical approaches are also represented, examining Conrad's text in terms of cultural, historical, textual, stylistic, narratological, post-colonial, feminist, and reader-response criticism. The volume concludes with an interview in which Conrad compares his adventures on the Congo with Mark Twain's experiences as a Mississippi pilot. Otherness in Conrad's Heart of Darkness and Forster's A Passage to India

Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad (Illustrated)
White Mythologies

Heart of Darkness - Joseph Conrad
African Perspectives on Colonialism

We must, many now argue, 'get back' to history. but which one? History has always been a problematical concept in Western theory, particularly for Marxism. In the wake

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of postmodernism, its status has become ever less certain. Is it possible to write history that avoids the trap of Eurocentrism? Robert Young's investigation of 'the history of History', from Hegel and Marx to Althusser and Foucault, calls into question the Eurocentrism of traditional Marxist accounts of a single 'World History', in which, as he shows, the 'Third World' appears as an unassimilable excess, surplus to the narrative of the West. Young goes on to consider recent questionings of the limits of Western knowledge. He argues that the efforts of Edward Said, Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak and Homi Bhabha to formulate non-historicist ways of thinking and writing history are part of a larger project of a decolonisation of History and a deconstruction of 'the West'.
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Joseph Conrad's novella "Heart of Darkness" (1899) is taught and read all over the world. Everywhere, novelists and travel writers respond to it in their own creative work. I discuss 30 responses, or rewritings, from Africa, India, the Caribbean, Australia, Europe and the US. Their perspectives include those of groups who identify with Conrad's Europeans and groups who feel close to his Africans, and increasingly those of groups who situate themselves between these two extremes in various ways. I identify world-wide developments as well as themes, strategies and paradigm shifts that correlate with different geopolitical situations.

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Rewriters address the contribution Conrad has made to the identities of his very different readers, and the patterns he has suggested for encounters. In ever more intense dialogues, people from all backgrounds work through images of themselves and of each other. However, like Conrad's narrator, they also become aware of limits of language and communication. Rewriters act as rereaders of the many layers of meaning in "Heart of Darkness," and thus imply that the reader's experience is as important as the author's. This approach is increasingly developing into a use of discourse-analytical methods in non-theoretical texts. Rewritings can bring "Heart of Darkness" close to the readers' lives. Rewriters champion processes of highly personal learning and unlearning as well as political and social approaches, and can thus help readers rework their own cultural backgrounds. Accordingly, I both use close-reading methods and take into account political and didactic intentions. In conclusion, I recommend reading "Heart of Darkness" together with one or more of its rewritings, and outline some ideas for teaching such combinations. After comprehensive introductions to "Heart of Darkness" and to the theory of rewritings, I discuss works by the following authors in a convenient handbook format: Ford Madox Ford (Hueffer), Leonard Woolf, W. Somerset Maugham, Andre Gide, Louis-Ferdinand Celine, Graham Greene, Charlotte Jay, Patrick White,

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Chinua Achebe, Wilson Harris, Ngugi wa Thiong'o, Tayeb Salih, Arun Joshi, J.M. Coetzee, V.S. Naipaul, Robert Silverberg, Caryl Phillips, David Dabydeen, Marlene NourbeSe Philip, David Malouf, Mineke Schipper, Abdulrazak Gurnah, Urs Widmer, Redmond O'Hanlon, Arundhati Roy, Barbara Kingsolver and Jeffrey Tayler.

Joseph Conrad's;Heart of Darkness;is not simply a critique of colonialism in the Congo; it is an examination of the human tendency toward self-endangering corruptibility.

Representation in Joseph Conrad's "Heart of Darkness"

Colonialism and Literature - Haggard's "King Solomon's Mines and Conrad's Heart of Darkness

Heart of Darkness and Other Tales

Postcolonial Conrad

Unlock the more straightforward side of Heart of Darkness with this concise and insightful summary and analysis! This engaging summary presents an analysis of Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad, in which the sailor Charles Marlow tells the story of his experiences in one of the European colonies in Africa. As a young man, he travelled to the colony for work, where he met the ivory trader Kurtz, who had been driven mad by the unremittingly harsh climate and was ruling over the indigenous inhabitants as a bloodthirsty, god-like tyrant. Heart of Darkness's exploration

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of the extreme brutality engendered by colonialism made it one of the most celebrated English-language works of the 19th century, although some later critics have accused Conrad himself of racism and imperialism in his depiction of the novella's black characters. Conrad was born in what is now Ukraine in 1857, and much of his work was influenced by his experiences in the British navy, which took him all over the world, including to a number of European colonies. Find out everything you need to know about Heart of Darkness in a fraction of the time! This in-depth and informative reading guide brings you:

- A complete plot summary*
- Character studies*
- Key themes and symbols*
- Questions for further reflection*

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During his lifetime Conrad was admired for the richness of his prose and his renderings of dangerous life at sea and in exotic places. But his initial reputation as a masterful teller of colourful adventures of the sea masked his fascination with the individual when faced with nature's invariable unconcern, man's frequent

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malevolence, and his inner battles with good and evil. To Conrad, the sea meant above all the tragedy of loneliness. A writer of complex skill and striking insight, but above all of an intensely personal vision, he has been increasingly regarded as one of the greatest English novelists. Heart of Darkness, novella by Joseph Conrad that was first published in 1899 in Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine and then in Conrad's Youth: and Two Other Stories (1902). Heart of Darkness examines the horrors of Western colonialism, depicting it as a phenomenon that tarnishes not only the lands and peoples it exploits but also those in the West who advance it. Although garnering an initially lacklustre reception, Conrad's semiautobiographical tale has gone on to become one of the most widely analyzed works of English literature. Critics have not always treated Heart of Darkness favourably, rebuking its dehumanizing representation of colonized peoples and its dismissive treatment of women. Nonetheless, Heart of Darkness has endured, and today it stands as a Modernist masterpiece directly engaged with postcolonial realities. Heart of Darkness tells a story within a story. The novella begins with a group of passengers aboard a boat floating on the River Thames. One of them, Charlie Marlow, relates to his fellow seafarers an experience of his that took place on another river altogether-the Congo River in Africa. Marlow's story begins in

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what he calls the "sepulchral city," somewhere in Europe. There "the Company"-an unnamed organization running a colonial enterprise in the Belgian Congo-appoints him captain of a river steamer. He sets out for Africa optimistic of what he will find. But his expectations are quickly soured. From the moment he arrives, he is exposed to the evil of imperialism, witnessing the violence it inflicts upon the African people it exploits. As he proceeds, he begins to hear tell of a man named Kurtz-a colonial agent who is supposedly unmatched in his ability to procure ivory from the continent's interior. According to rumour Kurtz has fallen ill (and perhaps mad as well), thereby jeopardizing the Company's entire venture in the Congo. No library's complete without the classics! Originally published serially as a three-part story, Heart of Darkness is a short but thematically complex novel exploring colonialism, humanity, and what constitutes a savage society. Set in the Congo in Central Africa, the tale is told in the frame of the recollections of one Charles Marlow, a captain of an ivory steamer. Marlow's search for the mysterious and powerful "first-class agent" Kurtz gives way to a nuanced and powerful commentary on the horrors of colonialism, called by some the most analyzed work at university-level instruction. Complete Unabridged Original Illustrated with book-end doodles about reading Seminar paper from the year 2010 in the

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subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 2,0, University of Dusseldorf "Heinrich Heine", language: English, abstract: Joseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness, first published serially in Blackwood's Magazine in 1899, has been regarded not only as the first truly modern work of fiction in the English language but also as the "first great work of literature in which a characteristic feature of the colonial experience" is recorded. Based on Conrad's own experiences in the African Congo region between June and December 1890, when he was working for a Belgian trading company that exploited the Upper Congo for raw materials, Heart of Darkness can be seen as a historical document of its time, the time of European imperialism. During this time the European colonization of the world set up a hierarchy by dividing the world into the West and the non- West. This division caused a consciousness for the 'Other', so that the question of identity arose. Due to the fact, that constructing identity implies constructing the identity of the 'Other', differences between the West and the non-West became the center of interest. For the first time in history the idea of culture and race turned up. Since its publication Heart of Darkness has been read as an assault upon imperialism and has been attacked as being offensively racist in projecting "the image of Africa as 'the other world', the antithesis of Europe and therefore of

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civilization". Starting from Stuart Hall's theory of "Representation", this paper is supposed to demonstrate the problem of representation and to offer a discussion as to whether or to what degree Conrad's Heart of Darkness can be considered imperialist and racist. By the established dichotomy between Africa and Europe, the presence of stereotypes in the novel will be investigated and connected to Achebe's conclusion, that Conrad "was a bloody racist".

Heart of Darkness

The Dawn Watch

Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad

Outposts of Progress

Gale Researcher Guide for: Joseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness

The concept of Africaness visualises Africa from three different points of view and at three different stages of history. With reference to Africa's political background from the 19th to the 20th century, Joseph Conrad (the coloniser), Chinua Achebe (the colonised), and Moses Isegawa (the decolonised) tell the story of the 'black continent' and its development from colonisation to independence. This development epitomises the 'heart of darkness' whose laws and characteristics have changed throughout the centuries.

Best known as the author of Heart of Darkness , Joseph Conrad (1857-1924) is one of the most widely taught writers in the English language. Conrad's work has taken on a new

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importance in the dawning of the 21st century: in the wake of September 11 many cultural commentators returned to his novel *The Secret Agent* to discuss the roots of terrorism, and the overarching theme of colonialism in much of his work has positioned his writing as central to not only literature scholars, but also to postcolonial and cultural studies scholars and, more recently, to scholars interested in globalization. *Reading Conrad Now* is a collection of original essays by leading Conrad scholars that rereads Conrad in light of his representations of post-colonialism, of empire, imperialism, and of modernism and modernity-questions that are once again relevant today. The collection is framed by an introduction by J. Hillis Miller-one of the most important literary critics today-and a concluding extensive interview with Edward Said (one of his final interviews before his death on September 25, 2003)- the most prominent postcolonial critic-addressing his lifelong fascination with Conrad. *Reading Conrad Now* will be essential reading for anyone seeking a contemporary introduction to this great writer, and will be of great interest to scholars working with Conrad in a variety of fields including literary studies, cultural studies, ethnic and area studies, and postcolonial studies.

ABOUT THE BOOK Quicklets are your reading sidekick -- use this while reading *Heart of Darkness* to learn more about the book MEET

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THE AUTHOR Abdul Montaqim is a journalist based in London who has been working in the media since 1989. He has written for The Guardian, Time Out Magazine, and the International Business Times website, among many other publications. EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK Joseph Conrad had already had a long and eventful career as a sailor before turning to writing. This lends an enormous, understated power and authenticity to the telling of the story of a sailor living and working in a world that was in the grip of the great seafaring nations of Europe, whose business activities are symbolically represented by the Company.

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A Study of Colonialism

*Joseph Conrad, modernism and post-colonialism
Joseph Conrad's "An Outpost of Progress" and "Heart of Darkness". Influences on the Colonizer*

Futility and the Impact of Colonialism in Joseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness

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For one hundred years, *Heart of Darkness* has been among the most widely read and taught novels in the English language. Hailed as an incisive indictment of European imperialism in Africa upon its publication in 1899, more recently it has been repeatedly denounced as racist and imperialist. Peter Firchow counters these claims, and his carefully argued response allows the charges of Conrad's alleged bias to be evaluated as objectively as possible. He begins by contrasting the meanings of race, racism, and imperialism in Conrad's day to those of our own time. Firchow then argues that *Heart of Darkness* is a novel rather than a sociological treatise; only in relation to its aesthetic significance can real social and intellectual-historical meaning be established. *Envisioning Africa* responds in detail to negative interpretations of the novel by revealing what they distort, misconstrue, or fail to take into account. Firchow uses a framework of imagology to examine how national, ethnic, and racial images are portrayed in the text, differentiating the idea of a national stereotype from that of national character. He believes that

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what Conrad saw personally in Africa should not be confused with the Africa he describes in the novel; Heart of Darkness is instead an envisioning and a revisioning of Conrad's experiences in the medium of fiction.

"How Conrad's imperial horror story Heart of Darkness resonates with our globalized times." -

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and noteworthy pieces of fiction of the twentieth century.

Essay from the year 2022 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 1,7, Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg (Institut für Anglistik/Amerikanistik), course: Colonial Gothic, language: English, abstract: When Joseph Conrad published *Heart of Darkness* in 1899, he was probably not expecting that this story keeps so many critics busy for so many years, even after his death in 1924. A huge wave of critics and also defending scholarly journals and books occurred after 1975. In this year the Nigerian novelist Chinua Achebe accused Conrad of being a racist who portrays such a poor image of Africa as it can be seen as “the antithesis of Europe and therefore of civilization, a place where man’s vaunted intelligence and refinement are finally mocked by triumphant bestiality” (Achebe). This triggered a wave of indignation and authors like Hunt Hawkins, Cedric Watts and Patrick Brantlinger who defended Conrad’s work as a critic on imperialism in which Conrad presents the dreadful reality of colonialism in the Congo at a time in which xenophobia was the most popular understanding of racial differences. But as many authors have already recognized, the derogatory language, the focus on the outward appearance of blacks, and the use of confusing and definitely pejorative adjectives leaves an

image of Africa that “can hardly be called flattering” (Hawkins). Unlike Chinua Achebe, who concentrated his critic on one specific work, Toni Morrison’s critic in *Playing in the Dark: Whiteness and the Literary Imagination* (1992) was addressed to many authors who included a real or fabricated Africanist presence in their work as a catalyst in the formation of American identity (cf. Morrison). Since it seems that nobody has aligned the representation of the black race in *Heart of Darkness* with Toni Morrison’s work, I am trying to demonstrate that the Africanist presence was necessary for Joseph Conrad in order to hide his critical imperial stance in a way that it remains readable for the Victorian British audience. Since so many authors have already agreed to read *Heart of Darkness* as a critic on imperialism, I will not focus on demonstrating this critical stance. This is why I will analyze one paragraph in order to show how the racial superiority is conveyed in the story by constructing racial hierarchies before the general depictions of race in the Victorian British society is presented. In the end, I am trying to find signs of an Africanist presence, how Morrison defines it, in the story of Joseph Conrad and their impact on the protagonist and Kurtz.

Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad (Book Analysis)

Africa's Transition from Colonisation to

**Independence and Decolonisation: Joseph
Conrad's Heart of Darkness, Chinua Achebe's
Things Fall Apart, and Moses Isegawa's
Abyssinian Chronicles**
Joseph Conrad: (A Classic Story)
Things Fall Apart
Conrad in the Twenty-First Century

A novella, Heart of Darkness is Joseph Conrad's most famous work and a foundational text on the subject of colonialism. Heart of Darkness is based in part on a trip that Conrad took through modern-day Congo during his years as a sailor. He captained a ship that sailed down the Congo River. Conrad gave up this mission because an illness forced him to return to England, where he worked on his novella almost a decade later. The presence of ill characters in the novella illustrates the fact that Heart of Darkness is, at least in part, autobiographical. Many speculations have been made about the identity of various characters, such as the Manager, or Kurtz, most recently and perhaps most accurately in Adam Hochschild's King Leopold's Ghost. But the geographical, as well as biographical, vagueness of the novel--which is one of its most artistic, haunting characteristics--make it almost impossible to pin down these details for sure.

Esta dissertação apresenta uma análise do romance Heart of Darkness, de Joseph Conrad, utilizando-se de teorias pós-coloniais (em particular as teorias de orientalismo de

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Edward Said) para entender como as políticas coloniais do final do século 19 são retratadas através da mentalidade vitoriana. A aproximação do romance com documentos históricos de época revelam a ambiguidade do autor em relação às políticas de colonização ultramarina e subsequente racismo defendidas pelas metrópoles européias.

Seminar paper from the year 2008 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 1,3, University of Constance, course: Post-colonial Short Stories, language: English, abstract: On the basis of two of Joseph Conrad's early writings, this paper tries to examine the effects of colonialism on the Westerner, as Conrad depicted them. The first object of this analysis will be the short story "An Outpost of Progress". Questions that will be addressed are the origin of the influences, their nature and their results as well as the depiction of the protagonists, their environment and their interaction. Secondly, this paper will attempt to compare the occurring patterns of the short story to Conrad's most prominent work, the novel "Heart of Darkness". The question whether the short story can actually be compared to the novel at all, and finally the reconsideration of the popular thesis that "An Outpost of Progress" merely represents a sketch for "Heart of Darkness" will form the latter part of the analysis.

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Conrad's life and writings, with a specific look at key ideas related to Heart of Darkness. The text discusses a variety of topics, including the evil pettiness behind colonial bureaucracy; facing colonialism's racial divide; the relationship between Victorian ethics, new science, and colonialism; and modern views of colonialism, including colonialism in North African countries and multinational corporate abuse in India.

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Heart of Darkness By

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"They wanted no excuse for being there": The Africanist Presence in Joseph Conrad's "Heart of Darkness"

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the author. Abstract: Abstract 'Otherness' in Conrad's Heart of Darkness and Forster's A Passage to India Submitted by SO Mang Luen, Marilyn for the degree of Master of Arts at The University of Hong Kong in March 2004 By 1930s, more than 80% of the surface of the globe was either colonized or had been colonized. The relationship between the colonizer and the colonized had been a recurrent feature in fictions and novels. The relationship was usually an unequal one based on the 'Self' and the 'Other', meaning the 'ruler' and the 'ruled', the 'civilized' and the 'uncivilized' and so on. The reason that Joseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness and E.M. Forster's A Passage to India are chosen for this thesis is because both authors attempt to look into the long strained relationship between the colonizer and the colonized from new perspectives at their times. Conrad's Heart of Darkness was published in 1902 and Forster's A Passage to India was published in 1924. The period marks the beginning of the disintegration of colonialism and both works mark the beginning of a new attitude towards the relationship between the coloniser and the colonized. This thesis looks into how the 'Others' are represented in the colonial relationships in the two world-renowned novels. It also looks into the different responses towards the two novels. Finally, the thesis attempts to connect the two novels to some of the ideas concerning the relationship

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between novels and imperialism posed by Edward Said in his book Culture and Imperialism and Ania Loomba in her book Colonialism / Postcolonialism. Said suggests that both Conrad's works and Forster's works contain prominent characteristics of modernist culture and are responses to the external pressures of the imperial system. Loomba, when discussing the relationship between colonialism and literature, suggests that literary texts such as Heart of Darkness and A Passage to India can be used to challenge colonialism. Both intellectuals uphold the importance of the role literary texts play in helping to narrow the gulf between the 'Self' and the 'Other'. 2 DOI: 10.5353/th_b2952430

Subjects: Imperialism in literature

The Heart of Darkness is a powerful examination of the savage nature of western imperialism in the late 1890s. With stunning relevance to the politics and tribulations of today's society, Joseph Conrad's celebrated novel is just as important today as when it was initially published. The story follows a young man named Charles Marlow. Soon after Marlow joins the Company as captain of a riverboat for a Belgian group organized to trade with the Congo, he uncovers a fate worse than any life he could have imagined in London. Throughout the journey, Captain Marlow cannot turn away from the stark injustices and atrocious crimes being committed by the company he works for. Reflecting many of the experiences

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Conrad himself endured, The Heart of Darkness spares no mercy when retelling the many atrocities committed by imperial commanders; because of this, the story has long been considered required reading for all those seeking to better understand the true nature of colonialism. Told from the gaze of an employee privy to the conquest of the colonialist venture, Marlow's experiences are considered exemplary of the brutal nature of human exploitation. Essay from the year 2002 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: A-, University of Auckland (Englisch Department), course: Seminar - Victorian Literature, Stage III (5.-6. Semester), 10 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: 'He [Kurtz] began with the argument that we whites, from the point of development we had arrived at, "must necessarily appear to them [savages] in the nature of supernatural beings ... by the simple exercise of our will we can exert a power for good practically unbounded" ... It gave me the notion of an exotic Immensity ruled by an august Benevolence.' (Marlow) Write an essay discussing whether you think Heart of Darkness endorses this view of the colonizing enterprise. Being a student of history, and of European colonialism in particular, I have had the pleasure to hear of Heart of Darkness several times. Whether it was introduced as a literary bonus to lectures on the notorious atrocities in the Congo or merely served

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as a vague metaphorical reference in scientific and popular articles, Conrad's novel seemed to produce unanimous tenor. "[One] of fiction's strongest statements about imperialism"¹ it was; one that like "[no] other Victorian literary work addressed so radically [this] great era."² Readers like me would thus deny the above quotation in a sort of reflex retort; pointing to the fact that imperial rule might have been immense in its impact on native life but was certainly far from being benevolent. Rapacity and ruthlessness dominated under the spurious cloak of philanthropic interest – just as Heart of Darkness so clearly shows. Apparently. It is the aim of this essay to dive beyond such well-nigh automatic associations and scrutinise the novel's treatment of imperialism, equipped with the tools of literary method. In which way does Heart of Darkness really depict the colonial enterprise? And what are the long-term consequences this view entails? I.e. what kind of general judgement can be inferred from the novel? Since imperialism is first and foremost a phenomenon rooted in time, insights from the historical discipline might be helpful and, wherever appropriate, will be used too. Conrad himself expressed this belief in synthesis between history and literature, emphasising that the "novelist is a historian, the preserver, the keeper, the expounder, of human experience."³ Nonetheless, it is the novel, his fictionalised account, which remains the basis of

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any kind of interpretation. [...]

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