

Why you should read Heart of Darkness...

1. Conrad is considered one of the fathers of Modernism – find out why!
2. Conrad’s use of imagery is exquisite.
3. He is considered one of the best English novelists, yet didn’t learn to speak English until he was in his 20’s.
4. This work has inspired writers – from Graham Greene to Ernest Hemingway – and captivated many other artists, including Francis Ford Coppola who wrote Apocalypse Now based on Heart of Darkness.
5. Find out why the popular series Lost has alluded to this novel and why this novella is still relevant.
6. This novella is a great choice for book clubs short on time!

Why you may struggle with Heart of Darkness ...

1. A disorienting, nightmarish mood engulfs the novella.
2. His portrayal of the “natives” and of women has many critics.
3. A pervasive sense of doom and foreboding colors the narrative.
4. Some consider this novella so racist that it should no longer be in the canon of great literature.

Still interested? A little information about Conrad...

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