

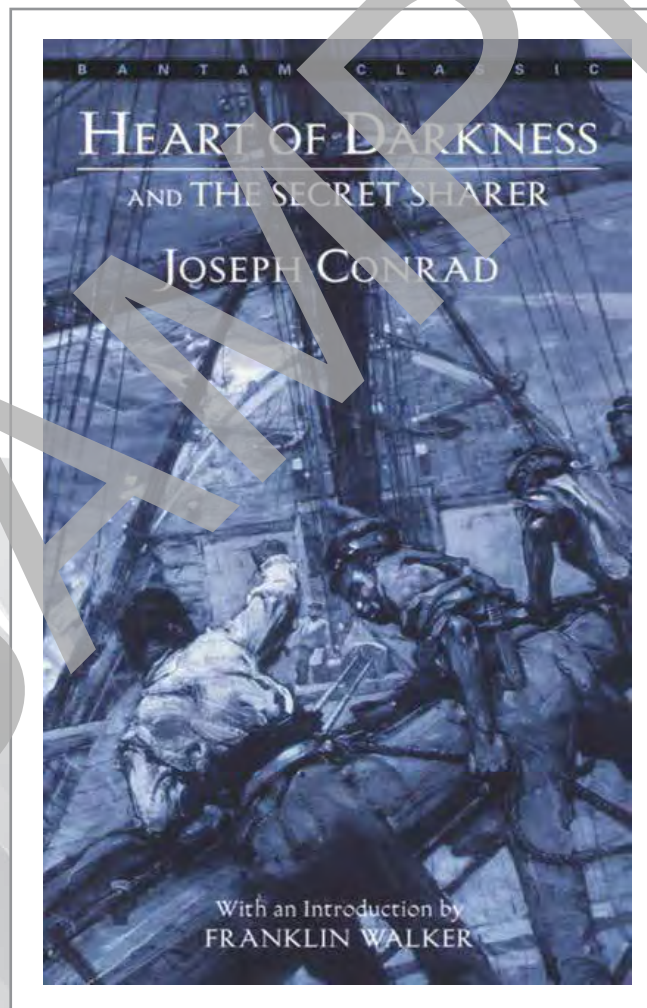


STUDENT PACKET

GRADES 9-12

Heart of Darkness; The Secret Sharer

Joseph Conrad



READ, WRITE, THINK, DISCUSS AND CONNECT

Name _____

impudence (100)

evanescent (118)

prodigious (121)

sagacious (102)

languid (118)

altruistic (123)

incontinently (110)

impenetrable (120)

rudimentary (124)

recondite (112)

fortitude (120)

profundity (124)

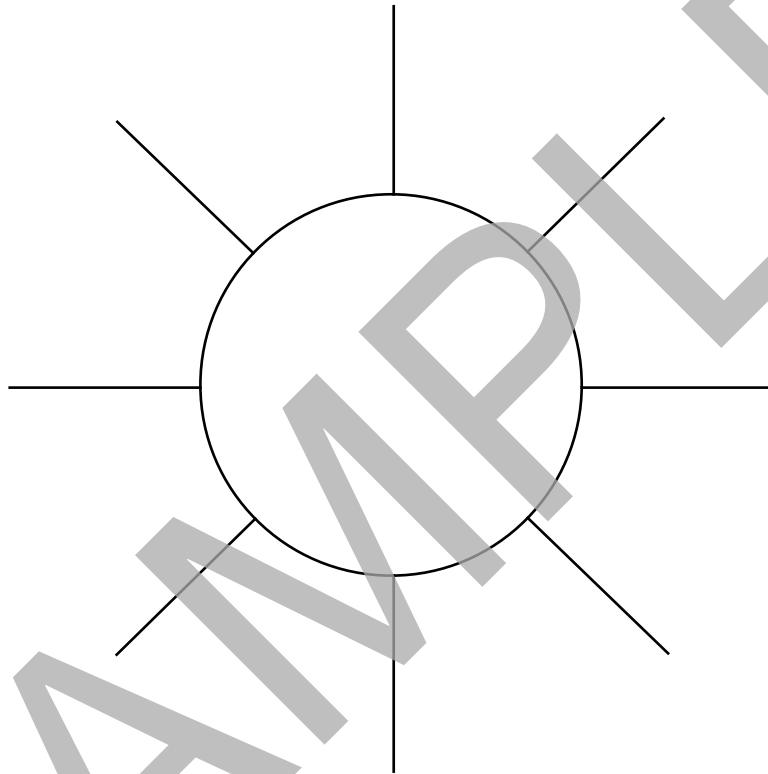
Directions: Match each vocabulary word with its antonym below.

1. _____ vulnerable
2. _____ foolish
3. _____ energetic
4. _____ lasting
5. _____ shallow
6. _____ respect
7. _____ weakness
8. _____ advanced
9. _____ selfish
10. _____ plain
11. _____ ordinary
12. _____ with self-restraint

Name _____

Create a Word Map for One of the Book's Themes

Directions: Choose a theme from the book to be the focus of a word map. Complete a web and then fill in the stars.



★ What is the author's main message?

★ What did you learn from the book?

Name _____

A. Directions: Match each of the causes in the left-hand column to one main effect listed in the box.

_____ 1. The Russian had a small piece of ivory...

_____ 2. Some of the natives rebelled against Kurtz...

_____ 3. Kurtz is ill and apparently dying...

_____ 4. The pilgrims on deck get out their rifles to fire at the natives...

_____ 5. Marlow remains loyal to Kurtz even though he senses he is evil...

- a. so Marlow blows the boat's whistle.
- b. so he lies to Kurtz's Intended.
- c. so Kurtz wants to shoot him.
- d. so he had them killed.
- e. so a native woman paces the shore.

B. Give brief answers to the following questions.

1. Why did the Russian remain loyal to Kurtz even though he knew how evil he was?

2. What surrounds Kurtz's house?

3. Describe Kurtz's condition when Marlow at last meets him.

4. Explain Marlow's conclusions concerning Kurtz.

5. Give two things Marlow does to finalize Kurtz's affairs.
