



Heart of Darkness

by Joseph Conrad · Best for C1–C2 (Advanced–Proficient)

Read-along audiobook · C1–C2

Marlow sits on a boat on the Thames and tells the story of his voyage up the Congo river to find a mysterious ivory trader named Kurtz. Conrad's prose is deliberately slow and impressionistic — sentences circle back on themselves, meaning is withheld, and atmosphere does as much work as action. Even confident readers have to lean in; that effort is part of what the book is about.

What you'll practise

- Dense, layered sentences with heavy use of subordinate clauses
- Vocabulary of colonial trade — ivory, steamer, station, helmsman
- Framed narrative: a narrator inside a narrator, shifting perspective
- Tap any rare or metaphorical word to check its meaning before re-reading the passage

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