*Heart of Darkness*

4th Reading Assignment

Part II

Dues, Tues Dec 9th

This section is full of metaphors and similes to describe the wilderness and people. Each group member should find at least one metaphor or simile, transcribe it and explain the effect of the poetic device on the text. Bre, Henry, Lily, Quinn, Agassi, Jamal, Metri, Renae, Zoya, Shawntay

How does Conrad describe the Fireman and Helmsman? Find some specific words or phrases that show his positive or admiring feelings towards them. Then find some negative or patronizing descriptions. Do you think he feels more positively or negatively towards them overall? What purpose does this varied relationship serve? McKenzie, Loan, David, Shay

On page 95, Conrad writes, “What did it matter what anyone knew or ignored? What did it matter who was manager? One gets sometimes such a flash of insight. The essentials of this affair lay deep under the surface, beyond my reach, and beyond my power of meddling.” What is meant by this? Jamal, Metri, Renae, Zoya, Shawntay, Vincent, Andre, Jack, Olivia, Taylor, Juan, Alex, Victoria, Mia, Maria

Footnote 19 on page 104 explains Conrad’s strategy of delaying decoding. Why might he do that? What effect does it have on the novel? Davi, Ramiro, Brendan, Oliver, Tanya, McKenzie, Loan, David, Shay, Vincent, Andre, Jack, Olivia, Taylor

From page 107-108, we return to the frame story. What is the purpose of that scene? Bre, Henry, Lily, Quinn, Agassi, Davi, Ramiro, Brendan, Oliver, Tanya, Jamal, Metri, Renae, Zoya, Shawntay

On page 108, Conrad writes, “We must help them stay in that beautiful world of their own, lest ours gets worse.” What does he mean by this? McKenzie, Loan, David, Shay, Vincent, Andre, Jack, Olivia, Taylor, Juan, Alex, Victoria, Mia, Maria

Towards the bottom of page 109, what is Conrad saying about man’s morality? Bre, Henry, Lily, Quinn, Agassi, Davi, Ramiro, Brendan, Oliver, Tanya, Vincent, Andre, Jack, Olivia, Taylor, Juan, Alex, Victoria, Mia, Maria

What does Kurtz go into The Congo believing about they way European colonization should work? On page 111, how are we shown that it has changed over time? Davi, Ramiro, Brendan, Oliver, Tanya, McKenzie, Loan, David, Shay, Juan, Alex, Victoria, Mia, Maria

What quotes stand out to you? Pull at least one citation per person from the text that resonated with you and explain why. Bre, Henry, Lily, Quinn, Agassi, Jamal, Metri, Renae, Zoya, Shawntay

Discuss the Hell and Hearts imagery in this section.

Discuss what we come to know about Marlow & Kurtz in this section.