*Heart of Darkness*

5th Reading Assignment

Part III

Due: Fri, Jan 9th

To contextualize your reading:

Heart of Darkness was written in 1899, and it is still widely read and discussed to this day. It is a novel whose themes continue to strike a chord with readers, and it is both beloved and hotly contested to this day. Why?

1. Analyze the character of the Russian. What does he think of Kurtz? What role does he serve in the narrative? What happens to him in the end?
2. Kurtz seems to hold great power over people. Where does his power come from?
3. Kurtz’s famous final words are, “The horror! The horror!” What could he be referring to?
4. Why doesn’t Marlow tell Kurtz’ Intended the truth about Kurtz’ last words? Characterize the Intended’s beliefs about Kurtz. In the context of the novel, are these views accurate? What does she base her beliefs on?
5. What quotes stand out to you? Pull at least one citation per person from the text that resonated with you and explain why.
6. Discuss the Hell and Hearts imagery in this section and finish up your annotations
7. Discuss what we come to know about Marlow & Kurtz in this section and finish up your annotations.
8. What questions do you have about this section or the novel in general? What was bewildering/intriguing/frustrating?

Novel Discussion Groups & Socratic Seminar Prewrite =Fri, Jan 9th

Socratic Seminar, Socratic Seminar Prewrite &Annotations Due= Tues, Jan 13th

*Apocalypse Now*: Jan 21st and 23rd