*Heart of Darkness* Reading Activity Options:

1. **Kurtz and Marlow Character Annotations**

Understanding each character will allow you to understand the book more fully.

Sheet 1= Marlow

Quotations that illustrate Record the realizations that

character traits in the information elicited on the right

left column

Sheet 2= Kurtz

Quotations that illustrate Record the realizations that

character traits in the information elicited & consider the

left column source (an enemy may speak

poorly while a disciple will sing his praises)

1. **Hearts and Hell Imagery Annotations**

Conrad’s use of imagery is one of the novel’s strengths. Images of hearts and hell (or other inferno related imagery) are thematically significant.

1. Choose EITHER hearts OR hell as your focus.
2. Record all allusions to either hearts or hell and page number as you read.
3. Next to each textual reference, explain the function of the image.

Allusion to heart or hell explain the allusion’s purpose

List of Main Characters:

Charlie Marlow Main narrator; captain of a steamer up the Congo River

Director of Companies, captain and passengers aboard the Nellie, anchored

Lawyer and Accountant on the Thames River outside of London who listen to

Marlow’s story

Unnamed Listener Narrator of frame story

Company Accountant Company bookkeeper at costal settlement in Africa; of

immaculate appearance and flawless work habits

Station Manager Company employee, manger of the Central Station

Station Manager’s Uncle leader of the Eldorado Exploring Expedition, Station

Manager’s Confidant

Kurtz Manager of the Inner Station

My Intended Kurtz’s beloved, who lives in Europe