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## 1 | This is fun!(?)

### 1.1 | Prompt

Heart of Darkness Analytical Essay

English 10: Landscapes of the Self and Other

For your first literary analysis paper, you will be coming up with your own interpretive argument about

OPTION 1: Choose a recurring word, motif, pattern, or character

Choose a word, motif, pattern, or character that you've noticed throughout the book, and construct an a

OPTION 2: Choose a moment in the text

Pick an excerpt of no more than 1/3-1/2 a page from the book, and construct an analytical, argumentative

You will likely make connections to other parts of the text, particularly as you engage broader implica

OPTION 3: Propose your own analytical adventure

### 1.2 | Wait, thesis is due Thursday?

- Topics
  - Futility?
    - Imagery of
  - Uselessness and contradiction
    - Examples
      - Blindfolded woman with torch
      - Bucket with hole in it
      - Doctor
      - Brickmaker
      - Giving biscuits to the dying black man
  - Whats the larger concept?

shoes...?

Thesis: Conrad uses ironic imagery in the Heart of Darkness to convey the dangers of placing independent and dissociated value in ideas.

our dangerous attachment to ideas.

the danger of false inherent value in ideas.

the dangers of placing inherent value in ideas

the dangers of placing independent / disassociated value in ideas

the unreliability of ideas.

“The ideas outrun the actual”

Can be applied to the European culture / colonialist movement at large.

### 1.3 | **Let's outline, shall we?**

- Intro: Conrad uses ironic imagery in the Heart of Darkness to convey the dangers of placing independent and dissociated value in ideas.