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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
our dangerous attachment to ideas.

the danger of false inherent value in ideas.

the unreliability of ideas.