

Reading & Analysis Tasks for *Heart of Darkness, Poisonwood Bible, Othello*

1. eight critical-reading questions
2. four quotations pivotal to text

Critical-Reading Questions

For each reading due date, compose eight questions (*how & why* NOT *who, what, when*) that inspire critical thinking about the complex ideas in the text, two incorporating each of these elements.

1. thematic focus: hypocrisy and veracity, absurdity and gravity
2. character traits & character development
3. juxtaposition and/or irony
4. imagery and its connection to setting

Quotations Pivotal to Text

For each reading due date, select and record at least four quotations that you believe are pivotal to the novel in terms of these four elements of focus and that you want to discuss with your peers.

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