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and the Modern
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Twentieth



Stravinsky
The Rite of
Spring 29th

The music's innovative complex rhythmic structures, timbres, and use of dissonance have made it a seminal 20th centuring 1913 composition. In 1973, composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein said of one passage, "That page is sixty years old, but it's never been topped for sophisticated handling of primitive rhythms...", and of the work as a whole, "...it's also got the best dissonances anyone ever thought up, and the best asymmetries and polytonalities and polyrhythms and whatever else you care to name."[1] source



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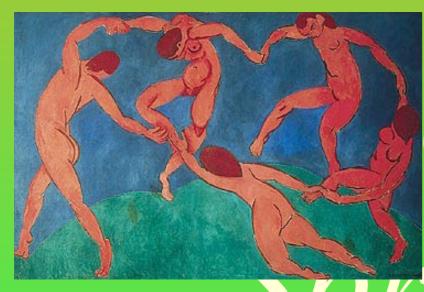


Although tribal people did not possess the technology of the industrial world, they were no less intelligent or rational than citizens of supposedly more advanced nations... We in the modern world have tended to assume that *our* societies have a monopoly on wisdom and that the study of tribal and even "traditional" peoples was a kind of excavation of human backwardness. ... we have much to learn from them, just as they do from us... *Introduction to Millenium*



Igor

Stravinsky



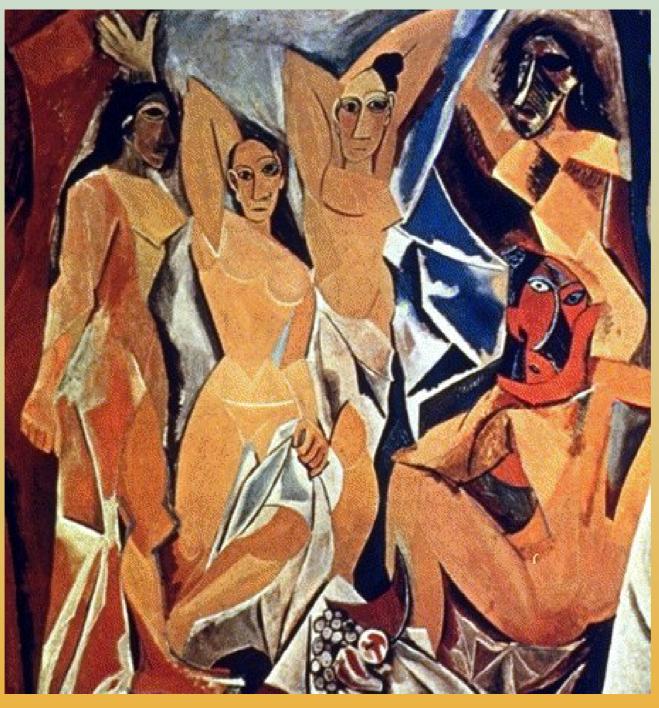
"The Dance"
Henry Matisse,
1910

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"Les
Demoiselles
d'Avignon"
Picasso 1907See Norton
facing page
2496.



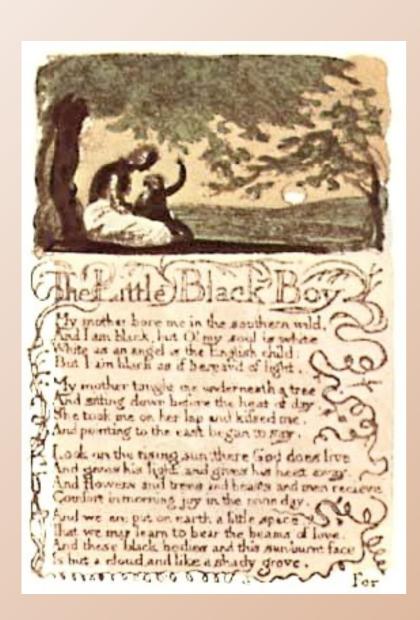
"Les Desmoisell es D'Avignon" 1907 Pablo Picasso



See Norton Vol 4 p.2496

Songs of Innocence

'The Little Black Boy'



My mother bore me in the southern wild,

And I am black, but O! my soul is white;

White as an angel is the English child,

But I am black as if bereav'd of light.

My mother taught me underneath a tree....

Look on the rising sun: there God does live

And gives his light, and gives his heat away...

Songs of Innocence

... when our souls have learn'd the heat to bear

The cloud will vanish; we shall hear his voice,

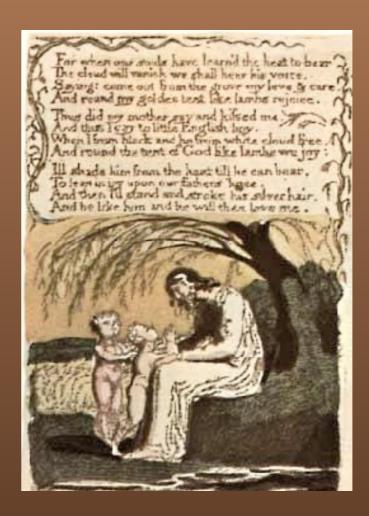
Saying: "come out from the grove my love & care,

And round my golden tent like lambs rejoice."

Thus did my mother say and kissed me, And thus I say to little English boy. When I from black and he from white cloud free...

I'll shade him from the heat, till he can bear

To lean in joy upon our father's knee...



Joseph Conrad Heart of Darkness



The Nigger of Narcissus

Norton 1949-1951

What role does Conrad see for the writer or artist in the 20th Century?



Norton 1949- 1951 A core focus & core question for the whole unit.

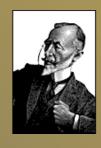
20th Century writers and artists, film makers, often depict the difficulties created by human beings at the global and individual level. As artists they strive to remedy these



Joseph Conrad

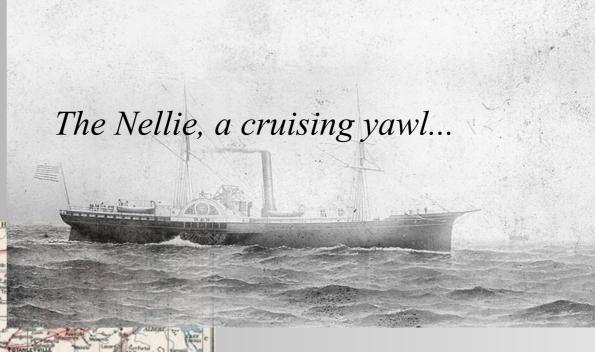








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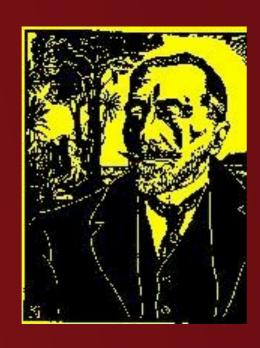


Heart of Darkness



King Leopold 2 of Belgium

Anti-Imperialism





What implied criticism does Conrad make about British and European Civilization: See pages 1953... 1955-1956 & pages 1970-1971...

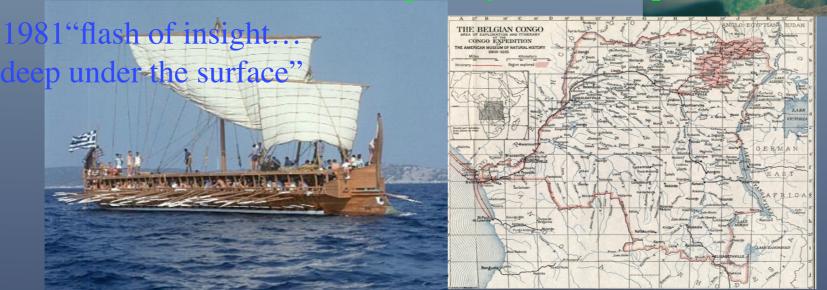
Marlowe the Narrator

p.1955 "misty halo"

1972 "very essence of dreams"

" resembled an idol" p. 1954

"pose of a Buddha" p.1956

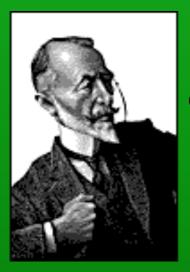


What kind of person does Conrad portray through Marlowe- find reasons ? (1954, 1955, 1956...)

Why does Marlowe (page 1955) bring references to Roman visitors into this narrative about Africa?



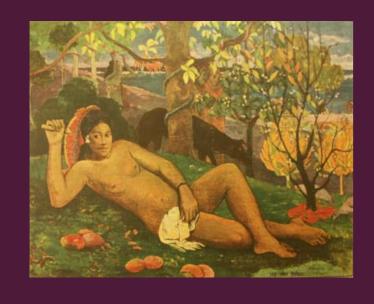
The Power of the Jungle as Antithesis to Civilization



"...the amazing reality of its concealed life" see especially Part

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How does Conrad s Language tell us what he thinks about the Africa, its inhabitants and culture? Is he racist?





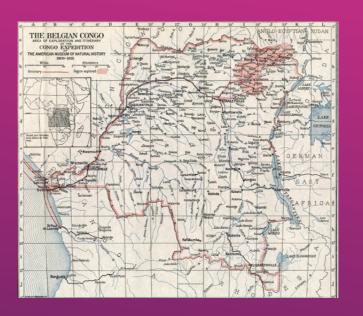


The Heart of Darkness and the "Primitive" World





The Symbolic
Dimensions of this
Journey Up the
Congo



p.1977 "Going up that river was like travelling back to the earliest beginnings of the world...".. p.1979...

Suggestion:

Compare the scene ("Arrow Attack"- Scene 28/) from *Apocalypse Now*. How is it similar/ different in its imagery and mood?

"There he was before me, in motley, as though he had absconded from a troupe of

Kurtz, the symbolic Heart of this Darkness

p.1987-1990: "...an impenetrable darkness"

p.1990 "the dust-bin of progress"

"a remarkable man" ...2003-2006.



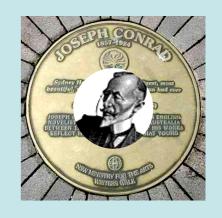


Conrad's conclusions: what is the possible outcome of this vision of the Heart of

"an impenetrable darkness"

"the horror!" He was a remarkable man.

"... a soul as translucently pure as a cliff of

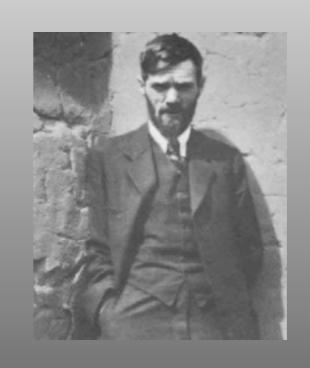


If such is the form of ultimate wisdom, then life is a greater riddle than some of us think it to be. I was within a hair's breadth of the last opportunity for pronouncements, and I fond with humiliation that probably I would have nothing to say. This is the reason why I affirm that Kurtz was a remarkable man. He had something to say. He said it. Since I had peeped over the edge myself, I understand better the meaning of his stare, that could not see the flame of the candle, but was wide enough to embrace the whole of the universe, piercing enough to penetrate all the hearts that beat in the darkness. He had summed up - he had judged. 'The horror!' He was a remarkable man......

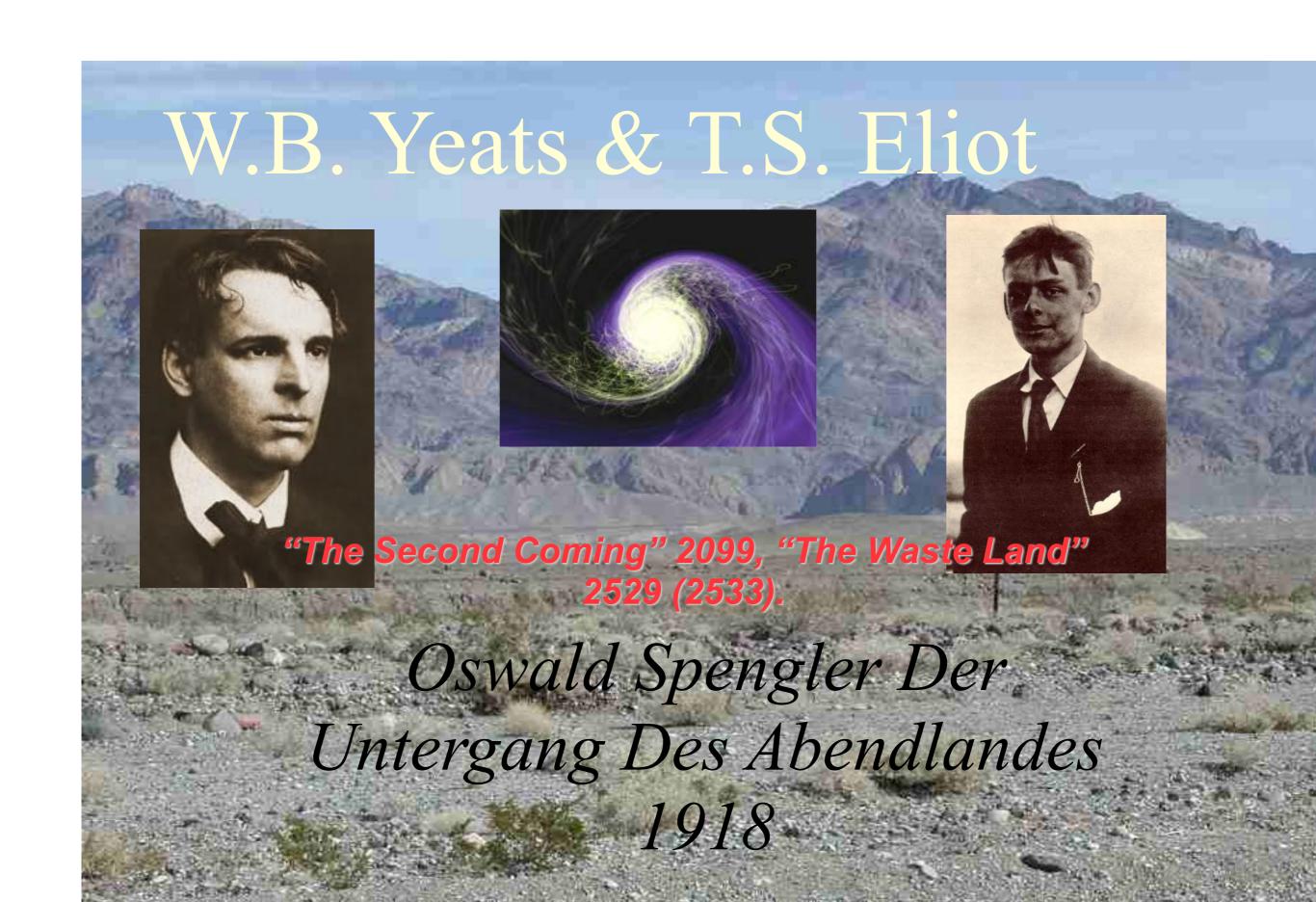
What do you understand to be Marlow's summary here of

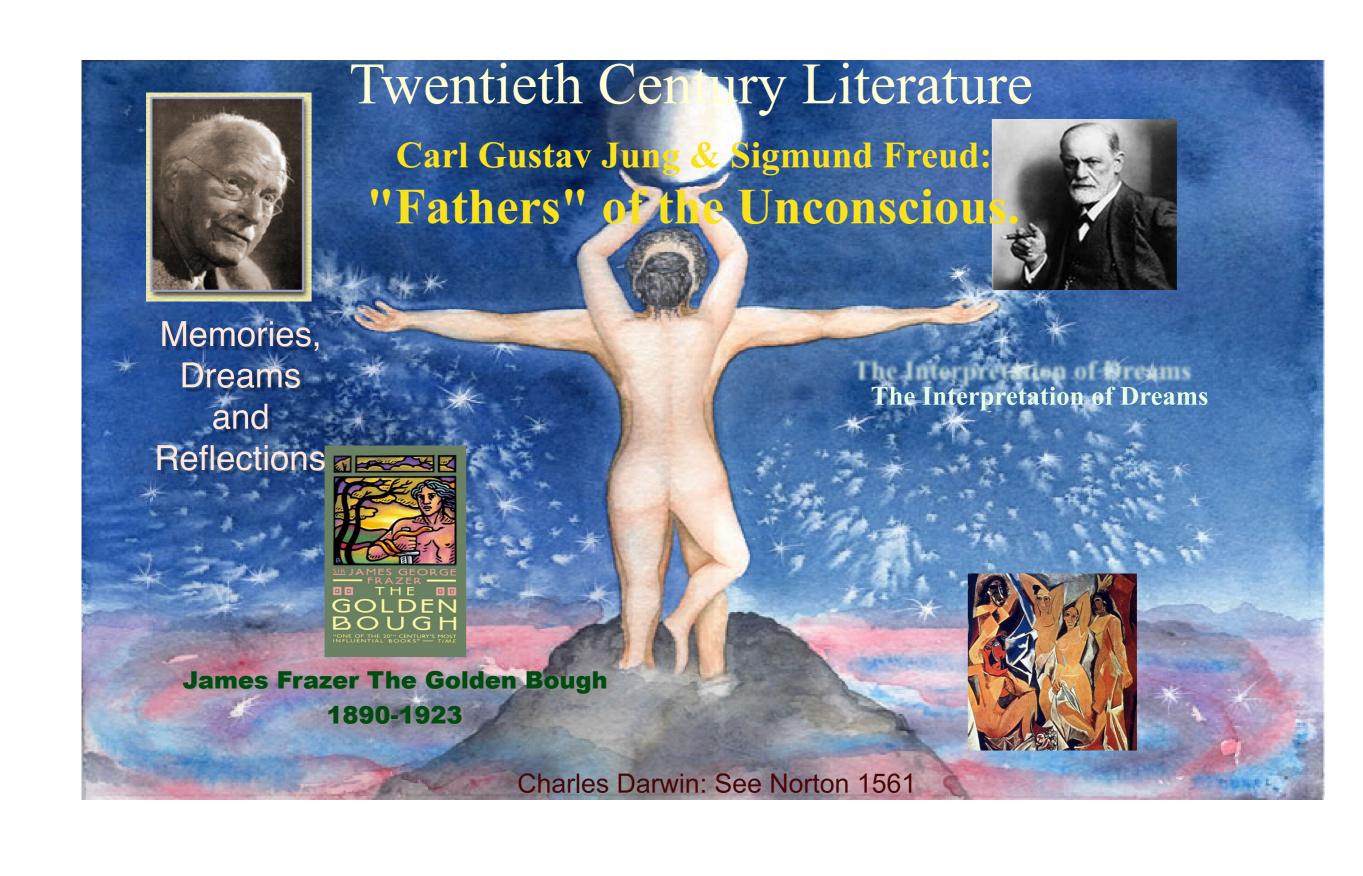
Oswald Spengler, The Decline of the West (1918)

D.H. Lawrence Kangaroo 1923



It was in 1915 the old world ended. In the winter of 1915-16 the spirit of the old London collapsed; the city, in some way perished, perished from being the heart of the world, and became a vortex of broken passions, lusts, hopes, fears, and why creating heavily matter don collapsed? If the fear have matter done and the seek to be the sundher of the world? See 2507 25/14 Worldhe hovel matters".

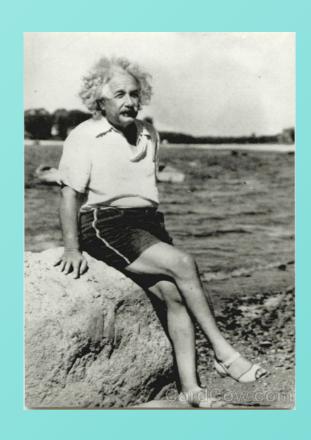


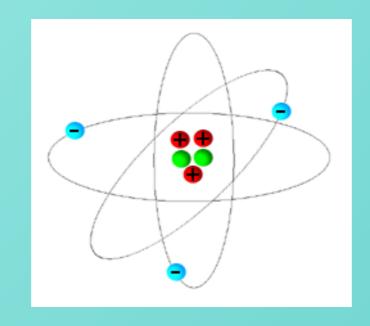


Ibert Einstein/Niels Boh

Theory of Relativity

Quantum Mechanics



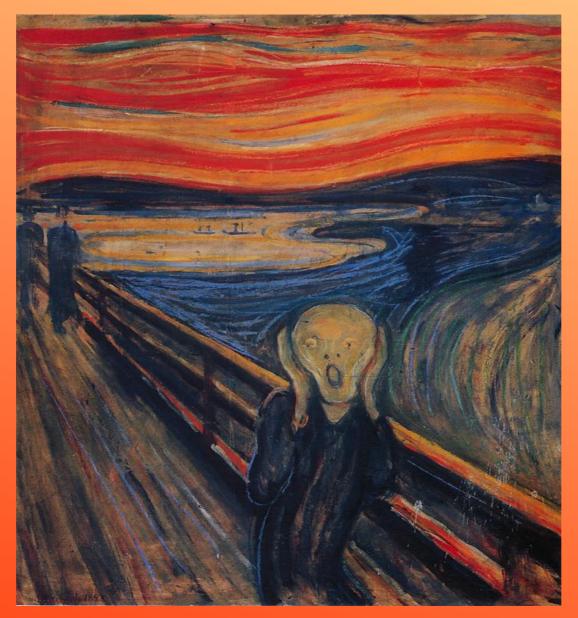




Edward Munch "The Scream" 1893

"no worst, there is none.."

G.M Hopkins
(1555)



Expressionism