

Quiz —Quotes from *Heart of Darkness*

“Then I noticed a small sketch in oils, on a panel, representing a woman draped and blindfolded carrying a lighted torch. The background was somber—almost black.”(27)

1. Please explain the **symbolism** in the above passage.
2. What might this passage **foreshadow**?

“Perhaps you will think it passing strange this regret for a savage who was no more account than a grain of sand in a black Sahara. Well, don’t you see, he had done something, he had steered for months. I had him at my back—a help—an instrument. It was a kind of partnership. He steered for me—I had to look after him, I worried about his deficiencies, and thus a subtle bond had been created of which I only became aware when it was suddenly broken. And the intimate profundity of that look he gave me when he received his hurt remains to this day in my memory—like a claim of distant kinship affirmed in a supreme moment.” (51)

3. Please explain the **tone** of the above passage.
4. **Diction** is crucial in determining tone. Please give a word or phrase from this passage which indicates the tone you identified.

“[Kurtz] cried in a whisper at some image, at some vision—he cried out twice, a cry that was no more than a breath: ‘The horror! The horror!’ I blew the candle out and left the cabin.”

5. What is the **denotation** of the candle?
6. What is the **connotation** of the candle?
7. What **motif** might the candle represent?