Active Reading

Heart of Darkness Part 1

The descriptions of the various settings in part 1 create a certain atmosphere, or mood. As you read, use the cluster diagram below to take notes on words and images that create atmosphere. Then sum up the atmosphere as a whole in the center circle.

Thames River/London
“the sun sank low... as if stricken to death”

Central Station
“unreal”

Outer Station
“inhabited devastation”

Brussels (“Sepulchre City”)/Company Offices
“a narrow and deserted street in dark shadow”

Atmosphere

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