

## Steaming Up the Congo

**Directions:** Chapter 2 describes Marlow's journey up the Congo toward Kurtz's station. Answer the following questions to clarify your understanding.

1. On the steamboat, Marlow is the person in charge. Who are the other people on board?
2. What natural challenges does he face?
3. How are his abilities to manage people challenged?
4. Has his perception of Africans as "other" changed?
5. Describe the attack on the ship. How does Marlow ward it off?
6. What causes Marlow to throw away his shoes?
7. Why does he throw the helmsman's body overboard?
8. What unlikely character does he meet? Why does Marlow describe him as a harlequin? What reason does the man give for the attack on the ship?