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**Dear Students of IB English A: Literature, Year 2, Higher & Standard Levels,**

Congratulations on the successful completion of the first year of IB English A: Literature and welcome to the second phase of your IB English program.

You don't need to purchase any of the texts studied in the second year. All reading material will be provided by your teacher.

### **The Summer Assignment**

1. Read Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*.
2. Study ALL secondary sources on Moodle: "Heart of Darkness" tab - "Content & Cultural Context(s)" and "Aesthetic Form" child tabs.
3. Choose a passage from the novella (25-35 lines) that best illustrates the atrocities of colonialism.
4. Analyze the passage in a 5-paragraph essay (Intro - 3 Main Body Paragraphs - Conclusion), answering the following guiding question: **How does the author represent the atrocities of colonialism?**
5. In each paragraph, analyze both broader aesthetic choices (narration, structure, characterization, setting) and specific ones (imagery, figurative language, tone, diction).

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