Joseph Conrad Author Study

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Birth

- Jozef Teodor Konrad Korzeniowski
- December 3, 1857
- Berdyczow, Ukraine (province of Poland)
Death

- August 3, 1924
- Canterbury, England
- 67 years old
His Major Influences

- Exposed to literature from several nations by his father who was a language translator

- Visited the Belgian Congo from 1890-1894 which inspired him to write one of his famous novels about the daily experiences he had there

- His uncle introduced him to a new way of life with strict social discipline
His Beliefs

• He saw life in a pessimistic way.

• He disliked the idea of Christian religion.

• He saw society as vulnerable and corrupted.
Major Works

- Nostromo (1904)
- Heart of Darkness (1899)
- Lord Jim (1900)
- An Outcast of the Islands (1896)
“Words, as is well known, are the great foes of reality.” Under Western Eyes

“Being a woman is a terribly difficult task, since it consists principally in dealing with men.”

“Rich or poor, strong or weak, who among us has not begged God for a second chance?”

“It is very difficult to be wholly joyous or wholly sad on this earth.”

“I am afraid that if you want to go down into history you'll have to do something for it.” The Secret Agent

“The belief in a supernatural source of evil is not necessary; men alone are quite capable of every wickedness.” Under Western Eyes