

1: Joseph Conrad - Wikipedia

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See Article History Alternative Title: During his lifetime Conrad was admired for the richness of his prose and his renderings of dangerous life at sea and in exotic places. To Conrad, the sea meant above all the tragedy of loneliness. A writer of complex skill and striking insight, but above all of an intensely personal vision, he has been increasingly regarded as one of the greatest English novelists. He was arrested in late and was sent into exile at Vologda in northern Russia. In A Personal Record Conrad relates that his first introduction to the English language was at the age of eight, when his father was translating the works of Shakespeare and Victor Hugo in order to support the household. Responsibility for the boy was assumed by his maternal uncle, Tadeusz Bobrowski, a lawyer, who provided his nephew with advice, admonition, financial help, and love. In Conrad left for Marseille with the intention of going to sea. Life at sea Bobrowski made him an allowance of 2, francs a year and put him in touch with a merchant named Delestang, in whose ships Conrad sailed in the French merchant service. His first voyage, on the Mont-Blanc to Martinique, was as a passenger; on its next voyage he sailed as an apprentice. On this voyage Conrad seems to have taken part in some unlawful enterprise, probably gunrunning, and to have sailed along the coast of Venezuela, memories of which were to find a place in Nostromo. Conrad became heavily enmeshed in debt upon returning to Marseille and apparently unsuccessfully attempted to commit suicide. As a sailor in the French merchant navy he was liable to conscription when he came of age, so after his recovery he signed on in April as a deckhand on a British freighter bound for Constantinople with a cargo of coal. After the return journey his ship landed him at Lowestoft, England, in June Conrad remained in England, and in the following October he shipped as an ordinary seaman aboard a wool clipper on the London–Sydney run. Conrad was to serve 16 years in the British merchant navy. In June he passed his examination as second mate, and in April he joined the Palestine, a bark of tons. This move proved to be an important event in his life; it took him to the Far East for the first time, and it was also a continuously troubled voyage, which provided him with literary material that he would use later. He returned to London by passenger steamer, and in September he shipped as mate on the Riversdale, leaving her at Madras to join the Narcissus at Bombay. At about this time Conrad began writing his earliest known letters in the English language. Her captain was John McWhirr, whom he later immortalized under the same name as the heroic, unimaginative captain of the steamer Nan Shan in Typhoon. He then joined the Vidar, a locally owned steamship trading among the islands of the southeast Asian archipelago. The task was interrupted by the strangest and probably the most important of his adventures. Using what influence he could, he went to Brussels and secured an appointment. He suffered psychological, spiritual, even metaphysical shock in the Congo, and his physical health was also damaged; for the rest of his life, he was racked by recurrent fever and gout. He made several more voyages as a first mate, but by, when his guardian Tadeusz Bobrowski died, his sea life was over. It was as the author of this novel that Conrad adopted the name by which he is known: In Conrad married the year-old Jessie George, by whom he had two sons. He thereafter resided mainly in the southeast corner of England, where his life as an author was plagued by poor health, near poverty, and difficulties of temperament. It was not until, after he had written what are now considered his finest novels—Lord Jim, Nostromo, The Secret Agent, and Under Western Eyes, the last being three novels of political intrigue and romance—that his financial situation became relatively secure. His novel Chance was successfully serialized in the New York Herald in, and his novel Victory, published in, was no less successful. Though hampered by rheumatism, Conrad continued to write for the remaining years of his life. In April he refused an offer of knighthood from Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald, and he died shortly thereafter. His reputation diminished after his death, and a revival of interest in his work later directed attention to different qualities and to different books than his contemporaries had emphasized. An account of the themes of some of these books should indicate where modern critics lay

emphasis. The ambitions range from simple greed to idealistic desires for reform and justice. Full of contempt for the greedy traders who exploit the natives, the narrator cannot deny the power of this figure of evil who calls forth from him something approaching reluctant loyalty. Victory describes the unsuccessful attempts of a detached, nihilistic observer of life to protect himself and his hapless female companion from the murderous machinations of a trio of rogues on an isolated island. In every idealism are the seeds of corruption, and the most honourable men find their unquestioned standards totally inadequate to defend themselves against the assaults of evil. It is significant that Conrad repeats again and again situations in which such men are obliged to admit emotional kinship with those whom they have expected only to despise. This well-nigh despairing vision gains much of its force from the feeling that Conrad accepted it reluctantly, rather than with morbid enjoyment. He is the novelist of man in extreme situations. It rests, notably, among others, on the idea of Fidelity. But what happens when fidelity is submerged, the barrier broken down, and the evil without is acknowledged by the evil within? Feminist and postcolonialist readings of Modernist works have focused on Conrad and have confirmed his centrality to Modernism and to the general understanding of it.

2: Joseph Conrad's career at sea - Wikipedia

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Conrad was born on 3 December in Berdychiv Polish: This led to his imprisonment in Pavilion X [note 7] of the Warsaw Citadel. However, on 18 April Ewa died of tuberculosis. Most of all, though, he read Polish Romantic poetry. A few months later, on 23 May, Apollo Korzeniowski died, leaving Conrad orphaned at the age of eleven. Conrad was not a good student; despite tutoring, he excelled only in geography. Since he showed little inclination to study, it was essential that he learn a trade; his uncle saw him as a sailor-cum-businessman who would combine maritime skills with commercial activities. He stayed with us ten months Intellectually he was extremely advanced but [he] disliked school routine, which he found tiring and dull; he used to say He disliked all restrictions. At home, at school, or in the living room he would sprawl unceremoniously. On 13 October Bobrowski sent the sixteen-year-old to Marseilles, France, for a planned career at sea. He was well read, particularly in Polish Romantic literature. He belonged to only the second generation in his family that had had to earn a living outside the family estates: The Polish szlachta and I never wished you to become naturalized in France, mainly because of the compulsory military service I thought, however, of your getting naturalized in Switzerland On 2 July he applied for British nationality, which was granted on 19 August To achieve the latter, he had to make many visits to the Russian Embassy in London and politely reiterate his request. A trace of these years can be found in the northern Corsica town of Luri, where there is a plaque to a Corsican merchant seaman, Dominique Cervoni, whom Conrad befriended. Conrad visited Corsica with his wife in, partly in search of connections with his long-dead friend and fellow merchant seaman. He had spent just over 8 years at sea—9 months of this as a passenger. For his fictional characters he often borrowed the authentic names of actual persons. During a brief call in India in 1866, year-old Conrad sent five letters to Joseph Spiridion, [note 11] a Pole eight years his senior whom he had befriended at Cardiff in June just before sailing for Singapore in the clipper ship Tilkhurst. His English is generally correct but stiff to the point of artificiality; many fragments suggest that his thoughts ran along the lines of Polish syntax and phraseology. More importantly, the letters show a marked change in views from those implied in his earlier correspondence of 1866 He had departed from "hope for the future" and from the conceit of "sailing [ever] toward Poland", and from his Pan-Slavic ideas. He was left with a painful sense of the hopelessness of the Polish question and an acceptance of England as a possible refuge. While he often adjusted his statements to accord to some extent with the views of his addressees, the theme of hopelessness concerning the prospects for Polish independence often occurs authentically in his correspondence and works before During this period, in in the Congo, Conrad encountered and befriended the Irish Republican and advocate for human rights, Sir Roger Casement. Jacques encouraged Conrad to continue writing the novel. Conrad Korzemowin" per the certificate of discharge debarked. When the Torrens had left Adelaide on 13 March, the passengers had included two young Englishmen returning from Australia and New Zealand: They were probably the first Englishmen and non-sailors with whom Conrad struck up a friendship; he would remain in touch with both. At Cape Town, where the Torrens remained from 17 to 19 May, Galsworthy left the ship to look at the local mines. Sanderson continued his voyage and seems to have been the first to develop closer ties with Conrad. According to Najder, Conrad, the exile and wanderer, was aware of a difficulty that he confessed more than once: At the same time, the choice of a non-English colonial setting freed him from an embarrassing division of loyalty: He "was apparently intrigued by The prolific and destructive richness of tropical nature and the dreariness of human life within it accorded well with the pessimistic mood of his early works. Though his talent was early on recognised by English intellectuals, popular success eluded him until the publication of *Chance*, which is often considered one of his weaker novels. He scorned sentimentality; his manner of portraying emotion in his books was full of restraint, scepticism and irony. A newspaper review of a Conrad biography suggested that the book could have been subtitled *Thirty Years of Debt, Gout, Depression*

and Angst. He also complained of swollen hands "which made writing difficult". In one letter he remarked that every novel he had written had cost him a tooth. In his letters he often described symptoms of depression; "the evidence", writes Najder, "is so strong that it is nearly impossible to doubt it. One of these would be described in his story "A Smile of Fortune", which contains autobiographical elements. The narrator, a young captain, flirts ambiguously and surreptitiously with Alice Jacobus, daughter of a local merchant living in a house surrounded by a magnificent rose garden. Research has confirmed that in Port Louis at the time there was a year-old Alice Shaw, whose father, a shipping agent, owned the only rose garden in town. An old friend, Captain Gabriel Renouf of the French merchant marine, introduced him to the family of his brother-in-law. A couple of days before leaving Port Louis, Conrad asked one of the Renouf brothers for the hand of his year-old sister Eugenie. She was already, however, engaged to marry her pharmacist cousin. After the rebuff, Conrad did not pay a farewell visit but sent a polite letter to Gabriel Renouf, saying he would never return to Mauritius and adding that on the day of the wedding his thoughts would be with them. The elder, Borys, proved a disappointment in scholarship and integrity. To his friends, she was an inexplicable choice of wife, and the subject of some rather disparaging and unkind remarks. However, according to other biographers such as Frederick Karl, Jessie provided what Conrad needed, namely a "straightforward, devoted, quite competent" companion. As the city lay only a few miles from the Russian border, there was a risk of being stranded in a battle zone. With wife Jessie and younger son John ill, Conrad decided to take refuge in the mountain resort town of Zakopane. Conrad aroused interest among the Poles as a famous writer and an exotic compatriot from abroad. He charmed new acquaintances, especially women. So many characteristics that had been strange and unfathomable to me before, took, as it were, their right proportions. I understood that his temperament was that of his countrymen. Moreover, Conrad himself came from a social class that claimed exclusive responsibility for state affairs, and from a very politically active family. Norman Douglas sums it up: These are his fundamentals. His Polish experience endowed him with the perception, exceptional in the Western European literature of his time, of how winding and constantly changing were the front lines in these struggles. Conrad regarded the formation of a representative government in Russia as unfeasible and foresaw a transition from autocracy to dictatorship. He saw western Europe as torn by antagonisms engendered by economic rivalry and commercial selfishness. In vain might a Russian revolution seek advice or help from a materialistic and egoistic western Europe that armed itself in preparation for wars far more brutal than those of the past. He thought that, in view of the weakness of human nature and of the "criminal" character of society, democracy offered boundless opportunities for demagogues and charlatans. This had been accompanied by a faith in the Panslavic ideologyâ€”"surprising", Najder writes, "in a man who was later to emphasize his hostility towards Russia, a conviction that We must drag the chain and ball of our personality to the end. This is the price one pays for the infernal and divine privilege of thought; so in this life it is only the chosen who are convictsâ€”a glorious band which understands and groans but which treads the earth amidst a multitude of phantoms with maniacal gestures and idiotic grimaces. Which would you rather be: The only remedy for Chinamen and for the rest of us is [a] change of hearts, but looking at the history of the last years there is not much reason to expect [it], even if man has taken to flyingâ€”a great "uplift" no doubt but no great change Through control of tone and narrative detail To be ironic is to be awakeâ€”and alert to the prevailing "somnolence. Sleep after toyle, port after stormie seas, Ease after warre, death after life, doth greatly please [15]: His old friend Edward Garnett recalled bitterly: A few old friends, acquaintances and pressmen stood by his grave. In his grave was designated a Grade II listed structure. He used his sailing experiences as a backdrop for many of his works, but he also produced works of similar world view, without the nautical motifs. The failure of many critics to appreciate this caused him much frustration. Behind the concert of flattery, I can hear something like a whisper: Mencken was one of the earliest and most influential American readers to recognise how Conrad conjured up "the general out of the particular". Scott Fitzgerald, writing to Mencken, complained about having been omitted from a list of Conrad imitators. Thatâ€”and no more, and it is everything. If I succeed, you shall find there according to your deserts: Conrad used his own memories as literary material so often that readers are tempted to treat his life and work as a single whole. His "view of the world", or elements of it, are often described by citing at once both his private and public statements, passages

from his letters, and citations from his books. Najder warns that this approach produces an incoherent and misleading picture. Conrad used his own experiences as raw material, but the finished product should not be confused with the experiences themselves. Stewart , "appears to have attached some mysterious significance to such links with actuality.

3: Project MUSE - One Man's Conrad

polish heritage of joseph conrad no doubt, that he got acquainted with the life and customs of the Polish mountain folk, the "Goralians", 1 a knowledge which enabled him later to draw his Yanko Goorall so astonishingly true to The very name Yanko (Polish Janko) is an nature. archaism which has become exceedingly rare, but which one may still.

Blogs and podcasts Joseph Conrad. In Marseille he became a sailor and since then the whole world was his home. The truth, however, is that he never abandoned any of them. Conrad returned to Poland several times later on in life. He was influenced by many value-systems and was an heir to different legacies. The choice of language depended on what he wanted to express. As a result, already in his lifetime, many nations desired to have Conrad as their own and wanted to place him among their national authors. Until today he is seen both as an English and Polish writer, but one who also thought in French. The only thing that is probably missing is his Ukrainian roots. It can also be said that Conrad was a citizen of Europe – a Europe whose outpost, as he believed, was to be found in Poland. But he was also a citizen of the world but of the 19th century world, of course. Conrad was deeply grounded in this reality and fascinated with the ideas that were influencing it: Clearly under this influence, the writer was also in awe to some older concepts, such as the medieval chivalry code of conduct and the more recent romantic visions of heroism and Messianism. Conrad was also quite realistic and correct in recognising the problems of the world of his time. He was especially concerned about the lack of inter-cultural dialogue, seeing it as a potential global problem of the future. He held this conviction even though he himself held his own prejudices, especially towards Russians and Prussians whom he associated with tyranny. While holding in high esteem western values and European civilisation, Conrad was also deeply rooted in the culture of the multi-ethnic Polish borderlands Kresy. In his memory he held fond images of the Ukrainian landscape, even though he felt more of a Pole than a borderland Slav. The tradition that Conrad identified himself with is European. He glorified his homeland, arguing that its soil gave life to romantic ideas. The same could be said about the ambiguous image of Poland that he presented. Noteworthy is the fact that Conrad was a very hospitable person himself. He would welcome many guests to his house where he would feast with them and engage in conversation. On the other hand, Conrad did not hide his lack of faith in the success of the patriotic school of thought, one to which he was nonetheless deeply devoted. Nor was he convinced that Poland would regain independence. In his homeland he saw people who were weak and tired. Those who could think, talk, have faith, and suffer, but would not rise up again. He would present his homeland as a country with a great history and tradition – one that preserves the old Roman values and is located between the West inhabited by German tribes and the Byzantine Slavic-Tatar barbarism. In his view, it was an enclave of Italian and French culture, the last bastion of the West which, despite its difficult geopolitical situation, was capable of pushing back foreign influences and remaining faithful to its own values. Poland was the beacon of Europe and Europeaness and always eager to defend western civilisation. Thus, when Conrad would stress in his letters that Poland was an heir to the chivalry tradition, he was expressing his belief that it was a sign of its western, not barbarian, roots. In these words and others, the author of Lord Jim greatly idealised Poland. Peaceful nation Conrad was also convinced of the peaceful disposition of the Polish people. He would argue that the spirit of aggression was foreign to this nation and that it never engaged in any war that was aimed at expansion. Poles only defended their own territory. Conrad would make many references to the history of the Polish Commonwealth when Poland was a large and powerful empire, stressing that this achievement was not a result of conquest. In the Memorandum of the Polish Question he wrote: Possessed by the idea of saving their people without the people themselves, they trust only their own effort and heroism, ever ready to give their lives in the service of Poland. Conrad understood Europe to be a multi-cultural and pluralistic federation. It was under their protectorate that Poland was to stand up from its knees. Islam and Byzantine Russia, in the minds of Poles, especially those from Lithuania and Ukraine, were the same enemy, an anti-civilisational element, which was constantly aiming to destroy Europe. He was per cent a Pole, Retinger would write, when it came to his ethnic background and lifestyle, but at the same time he was a subject of the Queen of England. He admired the British Empire and liked Englishmen. He thought such

a mentality was a rarity, believing that those who move between cultures usually choose one of them over the other. He would point out the negative effects that colonial expansion had on native peoples, who were often treated with hatred and brutality. At the same time, he would also unveil the lack of competence of the colonists, even though he did not abstain from showing them as cordial people, friendly to the local population. In his descriptions they were both philanthropists and adventure seekers, but they cared about profit and their own careers. In other words, instead of civilising others, they were acting at the same level of those who were being colonised. Despite this Conrad also talked about the isolation of the colonist as well as those who were being colonised. Both in the novels and short stories about the conquest of the white man for example *Amy Foster*, he would point to the lack of inter-cultural dialogue, omnipresent stereotypes, which were all leading to mutual misunderstandings. Sense of loneliness Deriving from his experiences, Conrad was trying to prove that an understanding and openness of foreign cultures leads to co-existence and adaptation of new elements, which do not need to mean a rejection of older values. Throughout his life he experienced both the sense of alienation and being foreign. On many occasions he would talk not only about the geographic isolation, but also the cultural and psychological isolation. These feelings were probably the reason why Conrad was so upset by the words of his compatriot and well-known writer, Eliza Orzeszkowa. She accused him of having a lack of patriotism. To heal himself from the loneliness and separation he experienced, he found an escape in cultivating familiar national customs. He probably felt that it was his duty to be faithful to Polish traditions, especially those aspects of it that were becoming increasingly foreign and misunderstood. That is why he would be so idealistic in his writing about the chivalrous code of conduct and nobility. It was in here that he saw Polish heritage and its uniqueness. The duty of cultivating heritage was something that Conrad grew up with. His uncle, Tadeusz Bobrowski, taught him that Poles had to protect their distinctiveness, holding their position until fate brings them the right to independence. Conrad believed that the concept of honour was an important element of this heritage, even though idealisation of nobility and chivalry were the symptoms of the noble traditions that at that time were already going into oblivion. It did not mean the disappearance of different cultures or the blurring of differences, or the lack of recognition of the origins of different borrowings and heritages. On the contrary, it was meant to identify the essence, of what was valuable and unique to a given culture, and to connect it with what was equally important and unique in other cultures. This included the Ukrainian steppe, the French admiration for individual rights and the ideals of the French Revolution, the European heritage of Roman culture, and the British aspiration to expand and spread European values. She holds a PhD in literature.

4: The Polish Heritage of Joseph Conrad

A commentary on the personal side of Conrad's art, on its spiritual sources, and on the precise autobiographic elements in his novels. The author has an intimate knowledge of Conrad's work, of his family history, and of all the biographical details.

He grew to love the Mediterranean , "the cradle of sailing. A month later, on 25 June, he again left in the Mont-Blanc, now as an apprentice, arriving at Saint-Pierre on 31 July. After visiting several other Caribbean ports, the ship returned to France, arriving on 23 December at Le Havre. This was the only play of feature of which he seemed capable, being a Southerner of a concentrated, deliberate type. Thomas and Haiti , returned on 15 February to Marseilles. Najder finds this, for a variety of reasons, virtually impossible. If Conrad did participate in running contraband to Spain, it likely would have involved something other than weapons. But in the two books written three and four decades later, he embellished his memories, probably borrowing from past adventures of Marseilles friends. To admit that his illicit activities had been conducted for profit would have conflicted with the position that he wished to occupy in literature. A careful reading of "The Tremolino" and The Arrow of Gold reveals that the whole Carlist plot is a sideline, an ornament that does not affect the course of action; its only function seems to be to glamorize and idealize smuggling. Two elements overlap in these books: He had probably joined the ship not as a crew member but as an unofficial apprentice. He still planned to return to France and enlist in the French navy. He departed for London, where he quickly went through half his ready cash. Appealing to his uncle, he received additional funds, along with a long letter exhorting him to "think for yourself and fend for yourself If you have not secured yourself a position by the age of 24, do not count on the allowance I have no money for drones and I have no intention of working so that someone else may enjoy himself at my expense Soon after, Conrad met George Fountaine Weare Hope, an ex-merchant-service officer, then director of a London commercial firm. In reality, he had served only seventeen months. But, armed with a document from Delestang that amplified his period in French service, and giving augmented figures for his British service, he signed a declaration of his statements and of the enclosed documents, risking indictment in the event that the fraud were discovered. He attended a cram course for the examination and passed it on 28 May , aged The next day the ship left London, arriving in Sydney on 24 November. The return voyage began on 11 January In The Mirror of the Sea Conrad would give a story, of uncertain basis, relating to this voyageâ€”the rescue of the crew of a Danish sailing ship. The Loch Etive arrived in London on 25 April This probably gave rise to a fantastic story, with which he regaled his uncle in a letter of 10 August , about an accident aboard the clipper Annie Frost with which Conrad had no link , loss of luggage, and several days spent in hospital. Eventually he signed on to a small, rickety old barque , the Palestine, for a voyage to Bangkok at pay of 4 pounds a month. From 15 October uncle Bobrowski was to send him only half the previous allowance, rounded up to 50 pounds a yearâ€”slightly over his new, highest salary to date. The Palestine was manned by three officers and ten hands and commanded by year-old Captain Elijah Beard. Conrad was not too pleased with his new appointment. The Palestine left London on 21 September and, after a stop at Gravesend , sailed north on 28 September. Due to gales, the passage to Newcastle upon Tyne took 22 days. Crossing the English Channel , she met strong gales, lost a mast, and started to leak. On 24 December she returned to Falmouth, Cornwall , for repairs. Conrad nevertheless decided to keep his berth, probably in order to obtain the certificate of service as second officer. The ambiguous status of a novice second mate on a small barque such as the Palestine required him to be tough and strong-minded, especially in front of the sailors. The passage was slow, uneventful, monotonous, until 11 March , when, in the Bangka Strait between Sumatra and Bangka Island , a smell resembling paraffin oil was noted. Next day, smoke was discovered issuing from the coals; water was thrown on them. On 13 March, four tons of coals were thrown overboard and more water poured down the hold. On 14 March, the hatches not being battened down, the decks blew up fore and aft. The vessel headed for the Sumatra shore, and the Somerset took it in tow. The fire increased rapidly, and the Somerset declined to tow the barque on shore. The vessel became a mass of fire, and the crew got off into three boats, which remained by the vessel until the morning of 15 March

That evening the boats arrived at Muntok. In the story, the parting seems very risky; in reality, the disaster took place near shore. And the boats did not steer for Java, to the east of Sumatra, but toward the port of Muntok on Bangka Island, off the east coast of Sumatra. Conrad had also forgotten, after all those years, that he had three, not two, sailors with him in his boat. Eventually he returned to England as a passenger on a steamer, reaching London by the end of May. It is really a matter of your looking after your own best interests. Their meeting appears to have been pleasant. After Captain McDonald learned from a friend, a steamer captain, how Conrad had represented his condition, on 15 April McDonald dismissed Conrad, with a less than satisfactory certificate, issued on 17 April. The ship sailed for London on 5 June. Thought to have been the original of the title *Negro* was Joseph Barron, aged 35, who died three weeks before the ship reached Dunkirk. Considering that Captain Archibald Duncan had had trouble with his crew only during the southbound passage—the return voyage was uneventful—Conrad seems to have incorporated into his novel the story of crew trouble heard from Duncan. The *Narcissus* entered Dunkirk on 16 October, and next day Conrad signed off. He failed it on 17 November he would give no hint of this in *A Personal Record*, but, perhaps after coaching by a crammer, passed it on 3 December—over four years after his examination for second mate. On 10 June the ship, with a cargo of coal, sailed from Penarth, reaching Singapore on 22 September. The crew once again was largely Scandinavian, and, exceptionally, only one crew member left the ship there. The *Tilkhurst* sailed to Calcutta, arriving on 21 November. After taking on a load of jute, the ship began its homeward passage on 9 January. His English is generally correct but stiff to the point of artificiality; many fragments suggest that his thoughts ran along the lines of Polish syntax and phraseology. More importantly, the letters show a marked change in views from those implied in his earlier correspondence of — He had departed from "hope for the future" and from the conceit of "sailing [ever] toward Poland", and from his Panslavic ideas. He was left with a painful sense of the hopelessness of the Polish question and an acceptance of England as a possible refuge. While he often adjusted his statements to accord to some extent with the views of his addressees, the theme of hopelessness concerning the prospects for Polish independence often occurs authentically in his correspondence and works before. Spiridion later told Jean-Aubry that he dissuaded his young friend from the enterprise. Conrad signed off the same day. Two letters from uncle Bobrowski awaited him in London. In one, the uncle wrote: The ship had a crew of 18, including as many as 14 foreigners. The captain was a year-old Irishman, John McWhir. Conrad gave the same name, with an additional r, to the much older master of the *Nan-Shan* in the novel *Typhoon*. The *Highland Forest* left Amsterdam on 18 February and ran into strong gales. Next day he boarded the steamship *Celestial*, disembarking on 6 July at Singapore, where he went for treatment to the European Hospital; Conrad would describe it in his novel *Lord Jim*, whose hero had likewise been injured by a falling spar. It was probably through Brooksbank that Conrad met James Craig, master of the small steamer *Vidar*, which made voyages between Singapore and small ports on Borneo and Sulawesi. On 22 August Conrad sailed from Singapore in the *Vidar* as first mate; he made four voyages in her: The *Vidar* penetrated deep inland, steaming up the rivers. As he was to write in March, "[W]e had no social shore connections. I knew very little of and about shore-people. I was chief mate of the *S. Vidar* and very busy whenever in harbour. Conrad used the names of people he met, and occasionally their external appearances, in his writings only as aids in creating a fictional world from his reminiscences, books that he had read, and his own imagination. Korzeniowski," just turned 30, signed off the *Vidar* at Singapore. The *Otago*, the smallest vessel he had sailed in except for the coaster *Vidar*, left Bangkok on 9 February. After a three-day stop at Singapore, on 3 March it headed for Sydney, Australia, arriving on 7 May. On 22 May, it left for Melbourne; arriving after a difficult and stormy passage, it stayed at anchor in the Melbourne roadstead till 8 June. After taking on a load of wheat, it left for Sydney on 7 July. Arriving five days later, it stayed until 7 August. The ship reached Port Louis on 30 September, setting sail again for Melbourne on 21 November with a cargo of sugar, arriving on 5 January. Soon after, Captain Korzeniowski gave up his command. He was, Najder explains, "not a typical seaman. Once the first charm of commanding a ship faded, the future writer must have felt the dreariness of sailing in the Antipodes. He must have been oppressed by a sense of being cut off from Europe, deprived of newspapers, books and current news. Even the chances of improving his English were slight: He had not been captain or first mate in a large vessel, nor had he worked

for a firm of importance. Every page right from th[e] first one testifies that writing was not something he took up for amusement or to pass time. In this, Conrad in his own way followed the example of Gustave Flaubert , notorious for searching days on end for le mot juste "for the right word to render the "essence of the matter. As a rule it is easier both to swear and to analyze dispassionately in an acquired language. Additionally, the work paid better than a command at sea. His year-old "aunt", daughter of a French historian who had settled in Belgium, was a writer whose translations from Polish, and her own fiction, mostly based on Polish and Ukrainian motifs, had been published since in the renowned Revue des Deux Mondes.

5: Project MUSE - Joseph Conrad

Born into a Polish szlachta (noble) family, the extraordinary modern novelist Joseph Conrad maintained, even in exile, strong ties to his Polish heritage and culture. Yet the author earned renown by writing in English, often about nautical adventures in remote parts of the world.

6: October: Polish-American Heritage Month - Philip Kosloski

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7: Heritage - Conrad Shipyard : Conrad Shipyard

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9: Joseph Conrad (Author of Heart of Darkness)

Joseph Conrad (Polish: [jɔzjɛf ɛkɔnrad] www.enganchecubano.com); born Józef Teodor Konrad Korzeniowski; 3 December - 3 August) was a Polish-British writer regarded as one of the greatest novelists to write in the English language.

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