Joseph Conrad

**FAMILY**
- **Father:** Apollo Korzeniowski, a language translator; he died when Conrad was 11.
- **Mother:** Ewa Bobrowska, she died when Conrad was only 8.
- **Uncle:** Tadusz Bobrowski
  He looked after Conrad when both his parents died.
- **Siblings:** He was an only child.

**Born**
3 December, 1857, Berdychiv, part of Polish Ukraine

**Died**
3 August 1924, Bishopsbourne, Kent, England

**EDUCATION**
- **1873-74**
  Boarding house for orphans in Lwów
  Although he did not finish secondary school, he was well-read and spoke Polish, French, English, German, Greek, Latin.

**WORK**
- **1874-78**
  Worked on French ships in Marseilles, France
- **1878**
  Joined the British Merchant Navy, where he later became Captain
- **1878-94**
  Sailed all over the world
- **1890**
  Went to Belgian Congo
- **1894**
  Became a full-time writer

**LITERARY CAREER**
- **Major novels:** *Almayer’s Folly* (1895), *Lord Jim* (1900), *Heart of Darkness* (1902), *Nostromo* (1904), *The Secret Agent* (1907), *Under Western Eyes* (1911), *Chance* (1913)

**RELATIONSHIPS**
- **Marriage:** Jessie George, 1896. They had two sons, John and Borys.

**INTERESTING FACTS**
- His real name was Jozef Teodor Konrad Nalecz Korzeniowski.
- He read a lot of literature and learnt French at an early age.
- He had a passion for the sea and wanted to become a sailor.
- In 1886 he obtained British nationality.