

Listening Guide- Episode 2

William Butler Yeats- “The Second Coming”

“Apocalyptic Poetry At Its Best!”

1. On September 23, 1968, a writer by the name of Joan Didion made a name for herself by writing about the _____ of the United States.
2. “_____ was where the social hemorrhaging was showing up.”
3. Like Achebe, Didion found her current _____ in the words of W.B. Yeats.
4. “The Second Coming,” by the way, is actually one of the most _____ poems in the world.
5. In 2016, the Wall Street Journal put this headline out: “Terror, Brexit, and US Election have made 2016 the year of _____.”
6. First of all, like every other Yeats woman, she [George] was _____.
7. Yeats was actually George’s sponsor in this secret society that they were both a part of called the Hermetic Order of the _____ Dawn.
8. “George had a little _____ about her.”
9. “I think this girl both friendly, _____, and very able.”
10. She begins to fake _____ writing in order to entertain and captivate this new husband of hers.
11. “‘No,’ was the answer, ‘we have come to give you _____ for poetry.’”
12. It’s clear that the spirits were always encouraging William to do things that were _____ to her.
13. The general record suggests that she started off by faking it, but in the process of faking it, unexpectedly, a _____ actually possessed her body.
14. The end result was a book that they called *A* _____.
15. The poem “The Second Coming” is kind of the *Cliffs Notes* version of a part of this _____.
16. The dark side of the human _____, of every human seemingly, was exposed just in the war.

17. The _____ System created an opportunity for totalitarianism to emerge.
18. Yeats saw history divided into a 2,000-year _____ spiral.
19. In his mind, the end of the 2,000-year _____ is chaotic and from inside the chaos births another one.
20. “The best lack all _____, while the worst are full of passionate intensity.”
21. The new world order descends upon the old one, but this results in _____.
22. I want to point out that then entire _____ is exactly one sentence.
23. “Surely some revelation is at hand; surely the _____ Coming is at hand.”
24. He’s not using the term the “Second Coming”, the way _____ would use it.
25. When _____ returns to Earth, there’s _____, prosperity, fairness, justice, love, nothing that we see in this poem at all.
26. Jung believed in this idea that humanity shared a _____ consciousness.
27. The manticore has the tail of _____, but it also has the face of a man with the mouth filled with multiple rows of sharp teeth like a shark.
28. “And what rough beast, its hour come round at last, slouches towards _____ to be born?”
29. Yeats predicts the Second Coming as a _____.
30. He and George went on, after that nightmarish honeymoon, to have _____ children.
31. Yeats purchased a _____ for the nominal sum of £35 pounds.
32. I would say that a man who builds a tower, or restores a tower, has some hope for the future because he left a _____ by which we could remember him.