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**In the space below, summarize the biography of Cecil Rhodes. What was his role in British society/colonization? What, if any, influence did he have on the cultures he colonized? What connection can you see between Rhodes’ life and *Things Fall Apart*? Use your annotations and the biography to help you summarize and answer these questions.**

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**Excerpt:** The following quotes are from Cecil Rhodes’ book Confessions of Faith (1877).

**Rhodes was an English businessman, magnate, politician, and ardent believer in imperialism. (1853-1902)**

“We must find new lands from which we can easily obtain raw materials and at the same time

exploit the cheap slave labor that is available from the natives of the colonies. The colonies

would also provide a dumping ground for the surplus goods produced in our factories.”

“I contend that we (Britons) are the finest race in the World, and that the more of the world

we inhabit, the better it is for the human race…It is our duty to seize every opportunity of

acquiring more territory and we should keep this one idea steadily before our eyes that more

territory simply means more of the Anglo-Saxon race, more of the best, the most human, most

honorable race the world possesses.”

**Reading Response:**

1. According to Rhodes, what advantages do imperialism and colonization provide for his country, Great Britain?

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1. According to Rhodes, what justification do Britons have for colonizing and controlling territories and people around the world?

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1. Do Rhodes and F.D. Lugard have the same point of view? How are their views the same? How are they different?

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