

WILLIAMS INSTRUCTIONAL *Notebook*



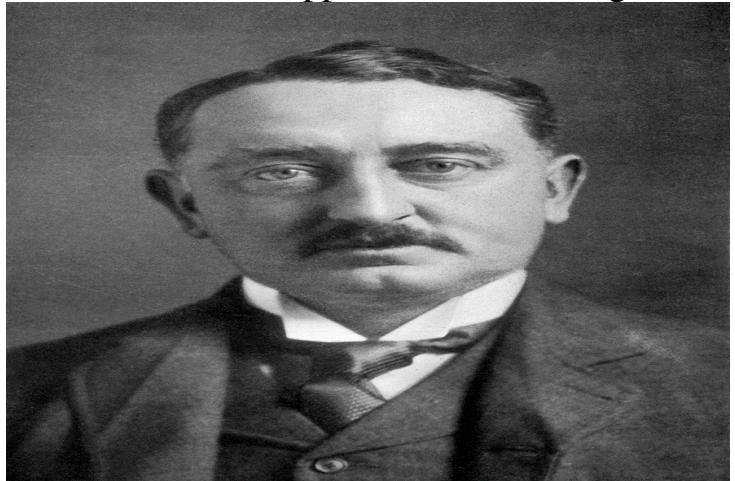
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King Leopold II (1835-1909) – The second king of Belgium was a firm believer in Colonialism and felt it was key to a country’s growth and wealth. He wanted Belgium to be mentioned alongside other European powers and tried to convince Spain to unload the Philippines colony to Belgium. Spain ignored his request and King Leopold turned his sights to Africa and hired explorer Henry Stanley to explore the continent. Eventually this led to Belgium and 14 European countries coming together and declaring ownership of African lands at the Berlin Conference in 1884, also called the “Scramble for Africa”.



Cecil Rhodes (1853 – 1902) – He was born in England and was very sickly as a child. His failing health prompted his parents to send him to the South Africa colony at 18, in hopes that the warmer climate would be good for his health. After failing as a cotton farmer, he moved to the Kimberly area of South Africa and began buying small diamond mines. He eventually acquired all of the diamond mines in the region and founded the DeBeers corporation. Cecil believed in imperialism and felt the Anglo-Saxon race was the first and superior race on earth. He was an early architect of apartheid in South Africa, which introduced oppression of the indigenous.



I do not want us to miss a good chance of getting us a slice of this magnificent African cake. King Leopold II of Belgium

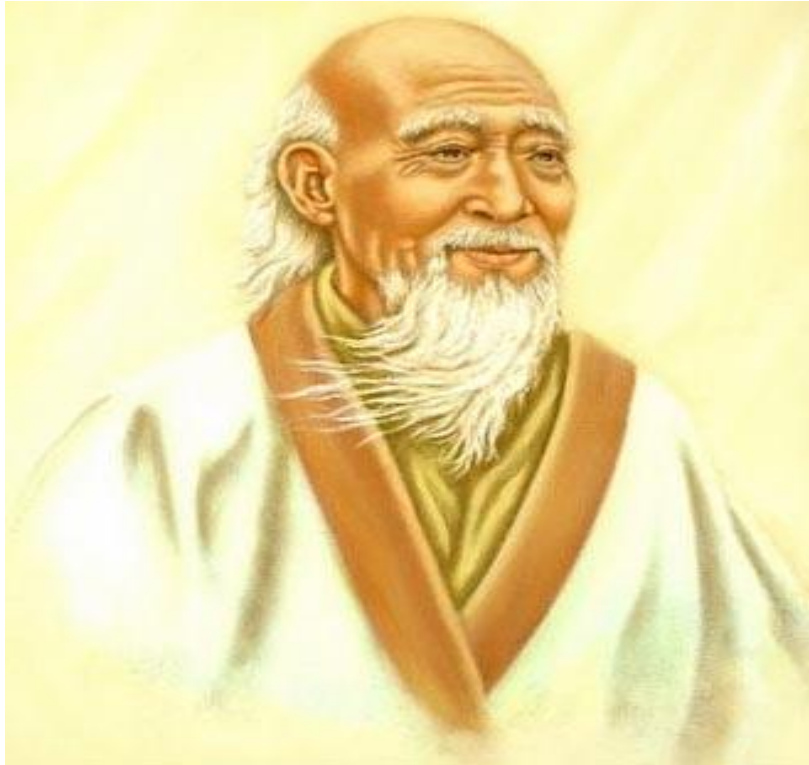
We must find new lands from which we can easily obtain raw materials and at the same time exploit the cheap slave labor that is available from the natives of the colonies. The colonies would also provide a dumping ground for the surplus goods produced in our factories. Cecil Rhodes - English Businessman

1) What specifically do you think King Leopold is worried about missing out on as countries look to Africa? Without anyone from Africa in attendance at the Berlin conference, how were their opinions considered?

2) What do you think served as the primary motive for Cecil Rhodes’s quest to explore new lands? How did his perspective and others shape expeditions and the purpose of colonies?

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Lao Tzu - (6th Century BC - 4th Century BC) His name is commonly translated to "Old Master" and is an important figure in Chinese culture. He was an ancient Chinese writer, philosopher, and considered the founder of the Taoism religion. His writings and philosophies are often credited for inspiring other philosophers and religions like Confucius, Confucianism, and Buddhism. He is worshipped like a god by those that practice Taoism.



“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”- Lao Tzu

"Knowing others is wisdom, knowing yourself is enlightenment." - Lao Tzu

“If you are depressed, you are living in the past. If you are anxious, you are living in the future. If you are at peace, you are living in the present.” - Lao Tzu

1) What is the message of this quote?

2) How can this quote be used to measure personal growth?

3) Which parts of the quote do you agree with and which parts do you disagree with? Explain for each part?
