

DIRECTIONS:

Each box below represents a different cause for Imperialism.

- **First decide whether it was Social Darwinism, economic causes (money, natural resources), or political causes (government) that led to Imperialism. (There can be more than one cause for each passage).**
- **Then describe the passage in your own words in the space provided.**

1. The makers of cotton and iron goods have been very much interested in imperialism. This group of import interests has been strengthened by the demand of giant industries for raw materials... Ship owners demand coaling stations for their vessels and naval bases for their protection.

-Parke T. Moon, *Imperialism and World Politics*

Cause: _____

Description: _____

2. Factories are making more that the people can use; Soil is producing more than we can consume. Fate has written our policy for us; the trade of the world shall be ours... We will establish trading posts throughout the world as distributing points for our products. We will cover the ocean with our merchant marines (merchants); we will build a navy to the measure of our greatness.

-American Senator, 1898

Cause: _____

Description: _____

3. None of the colonial undertakings was motivated by the quest for capitalist profits; they all originated in political ambitions... the nations' will to power, glory, and national greatness.

-Raymond Aron, *The Century of Total War*

Cause: _____

Description: _____

4. We Britons are the finest race in the world, and the more of the world we inhabit; the better it is for the human race. It is our duty to seize every opportunity to acquire more territory. 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.

-Cecil Rhodes, *Confessions of Faith, 1877*

Cause: _____

Description: _____

5. We could not leave them to themselves. They were unfit for self-government. There was nothing left for us to do but take over. Then we would be able to educate them. We could uplift and civilize and Christianize them.

President William McKinley (speaking about the Philippines)

Cause: _____

Description: _____
