

Characteristics of colonialism

>It involves a scenario of discovery and the assumption by the colonizer that the discovered land and the natives are “virgin” and “uncivilized”.

Exercise: Fill in the two columns of the charts with the proper information. (Re-write the sentences)

COLONIZER	NATIVE (from the colonizer’s point of view)



Joseph Conrad:

1. What was his job?
2. When was he born?
- When did he die?
3. What was his nationality?
4. What literary movement did he belong to?
5. What is his most well-known work?
6. What does it deal with?

- a) Views self as an objective observer b) Views self as semi-divine protector, paternal figure c) good savage-generous, kind, loving and loyal d) has a sense of (civilizing) mission e) bad savage-cannibals, violent f) Fears of the colonizer projected onto the male native body, viewed as dangerous or docile g) colonization=progress h) Views self as an individualist i) uncanny community j) desires of the colonizer projected onto the female native body, viewed as extremely sexual, wild yet conquerable k) has an economic imperative l) renames, re-order space m) Self-declared authority and authorship n) disorganized