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1. I think Williams' intended audience was to address the truth to the people what the government was actually doing for the country. The government was not following the laws instead they were doing their own thing. Such as slave-trade, wholesale, retail, fraud, and things to involve the military. I think this letter was very persuasive; it went into details to describe what exactly the government was going and how they were doing it. Also William had stated that he had witnessed certain things himself. In the letter he also stated how he felt disenchanted, disappointed and disheartened about what was going on.
2. Mr. William toward imperialism was not good. He stated in the letter that he felt disenchanted, disappointed and disheartened about it. He compared how terrible and cruel the murders were. He also compared the attitudes of Kipling, Roy, and Naoroji as cruel and made promises to protect the people and did nothing. Williams believed that Leopold should be out of the Congo. If he wanted him to stay he would not have described the situation in such a bad perspective.