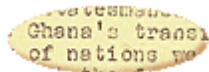


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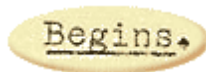
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How to use this source

1 Study this source carefully. Ask yourself whether the source supports or contradicts the view that:

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- The British left because of the actions of important individuals
- The British were forced out by peaceful political protests
- The British were forced out by armed resistance
- The British wanted to leave because the area was causing them problems
- The British left because they felt the country was ready to rule itself democratically

2 If you were an **admirer** of the British empire, explain whether you would be able to use this source to support your viewpoint.

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As I leave Ghana I salute it for its wisdom moderation and vision for the future. I also salute the farsightedness and sense of mission which have motivated the Government of the United Kingdom in the course of action which it has followed. I am confident that these same considerations will continue to characterize the relationship between the two countries and that the entire free world, as well as Ghana and the British Commonwealth, will be the gainers. I know I speak for the President and the Government of the United States and for the American peoples in saying that we wish Ghana success in the course which she has charted.
