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Quest for Self Affirmation in the Postcolonial Literature

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This paper presents the aftermath of decolonization; the effects of colonialism on the social, economical, cultural and traditional life of the once colonized countries and their quest for self identity in the postcolonial period. Though the colonized nations got freedom, yet their minds are still overpowered by the superiority of their colonizers. Distorted image of their own self was imprinted on their minds and globally as well, which required to be given a proper shape. The postcolonial writers played an important role in setting out the strategies to liberate their minds and let them realize and recognize their own self. This quest for identity further develop them as a self determined native who could redefine his self and articulate his experiences/history in his own words. Post colonial literature depicts the different perspectives of the native writers of the third world or the liberated nations which can relocate their place in the world.

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