**Graphic Organizer**

Central Historical Question:
How did the early Islamic empire expand?

After examining the map on Islamic expansion make a hypothesis for the following question: How did the early Islamic empire expand?

(individual answers, No "right" or "wrong")

**Document A: The Battle of the Yarmuk**

1. (Sourcing) Who was al-Biladur? Why do you think he wrote this document?
   
   A Muslim historian, some history - but very pro-Muslim (propaganda/p pride)

2. (Close Reading) List 3 reasons why this battle was the "fiercest and bloodiest kind."

   1. 70,000 enemies killed
   2. "Cut off the arms of the non-Muslims"
   3. Women fought violently

3. Do you think this document is a reliable source for determining how the caliphates expanded in the 7th and 8th centuries? Why or Why not?

   No, not reliable. Has bias, has inconsistencies. Numbers may be exaggerated 200 years later

Hypothesis #2: How did the early Islamic empire expand?

(individual answers. Could be the exact same as hypothesis #1, or different)
**Document B: The Treaty of Tudmir**

1. (Sourcing) What type of document is this? What is its purpose?

   Treaty. To set terms for ending the war.

2. (Close Reading) According to this document, how will Muslims treat the people that they conquer?

   They will not be harassed, killed, taken prisoner. Could keep religion, churches, families.

3. (Corroboration) How is the account of Muslim expansion in Document B similar or different from the account in Document A?

   Doc A was violent, this is peaceful and respectful.

4. Do you think this document is a reliable source for determining how the caliphates expanded in the 7th and 8th centuries? Why or Why not?

   Yes, reliable. It is the actual treaty they signed at that time.

**Hypothesis #3:** How did the early Islamic empire expand?

(Individual answers. No "right" or "wrong" response. Could be the same, or different, from hypotheses 1 and 2)
Document C: Fred Donner

1. (Sourcing) What type of document is this? What is its purpose?
   - Textbook. To educate & inform

2. (Close Reading) What was the purpose of the gift-giving that the author describes?
   - Paid to fight for Islam
   - Paid to convert to Islam and support Islam.

3. (Corroboration): How is the account of Muslim expansion in Document C different from the accounts in Document A and Document B?
   - Doc A → violent/military conquest
   - Doc B → respectful negotiation after war
   - Doc C → bribe & (paid to be Islamic)

4. Do you think this document is a reliable source for determining how the caliphates expanded in the 7th and 8th centuries? Why or why not?
   - Yes → research respected professor at a reputable university

Hypothesis #4: How did the early Islamic empire expand?

(Individual answers. No "right" or "wrong" response. Could be the same or different from the first 3 "valid" hypotheses)
Final Claim/Summary:

Based on the three documents you looked at, write a paragraph to answer the following question: How did the early Islamic empire expand? Make sure to include evidence from at least two different documents.

(Students will work on this in class later this week)