

Mansa Musa CLOSE Read Guiding Questions

Document A: A Blog Post

1. Who created this blog post?

b. When was it created?

c. Is this a primary source or a secondary source? How do you know?

2. What is the main idea or ideas of the blog post? Write 2 claims (statements) it makes:

3. Write 2 quotes (evidence) that support the article's claims:

4. Do you think this blog post is trustworthy? Why or why not?

Document B: The Catalan Atlas

1. Who created this document?

b. When was it created (what year)?

c. Is this a primary source or a secondary source? How do you know?

2. How does the Atlas's description of Mansa Musa compare to the Huffington Post's description? (do they agree or disagree? Use evidence to back-up your answer)

3. Do you think the Atlas is a trustworthy description of Mansa Musa? Why or why not?

Document C: Al-Umari

1. Who is Al-Umari?

b. Do you think he is a reliable source of information on Mansa Musa's pilgrimage to Mecca? Why or why not?

2. How does this description of Mansa Musa compare to the description of Mansa Musa in the Catalan Atlas?

3. How does the emir Abu describe Mansa Musa to Al-Umari? (use a quote to answer this question).

b. According to the emir Abu, what traits does Mansa Musa possess? (use a quote to answer this question).

4. Do you think Al-Umari's description of Mansa Musa is accurate? Why or why not?

Final Question

Which document do you think is most reliable? Give 2 reasons why you think so. Use evidence from the text and evidence from one other document to explain your answer:

