

MANSA MUSA CLOSE READ Guiding Questions

Document A: Blog Post

1. Who created this blog post?

b. When was it created?

c. Is this a primary source or a secondary source?

2. What is the main point of the blog post? Write down 2 claims (statements) it makes:

3. Write down 2 quotes that support the article's claims:

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

Document B: Catalan Atlas

1. Who created this document?

b. When was it created (what year)?

c. Is this a primary source or a secondary source?

2. How does the Atlas's description of Mansa Musa compare to The Huffington Post blog's description?

3. Do you think this 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 in *The Huffington Post*?

b. How does this description 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 the most reliable? Give 2 reasons why you think this so. Use evidence from the text and evidence from one other document to explain your reasoning:

