

## 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?

### Document A: The Battle of the Yarmuk

1. (Sourcing) Who was al-Biladuri? Why do you think he wrote this document?

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

1.

2.

3.

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

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

**Document B: The Treaty of Tudmir**

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

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

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

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

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

**Document C: Fred Donner**

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

2. (Close Reading) What was the purpose of the gift-giving that the author describes?

3. (Corroboration): How is the account of Muslim expansion in Document C different from the accounts in Document A and Document B?

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

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

## 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.