THE FIRST CRUSADE READING GUIDE

**DOCUMENT A: Raymond d’ Aguiliers**

1.)Read Document A. While you are reading, underline any words, phrases, or sentences that indicate that this document was written from a Crusader’s perspective. Also, while reading the document you can continue analyzing perspective. Pay close attention to the author’s argument or narrative and the words and phrases they use to make their argument or describe their version of history. Ask yourself: How does this document make me feel about this topic? What words or phrases does the author use to describe people and events?

2.) Explain why you underlined those parts. What about the words, phrases, or sentences indicated that this document was written from a Crusader’s perspective? How does this document make you feel about the First Crusade? Why?

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**DOCUMENT B: Ibn al-Athir**

1.)Read Document B. While you are reading, underline any words, phrases, or sentences that indicate that this document was written from a Muslim’s perspective. Also, while reading the document you can continue analyzing perspective. Pay close attention to the author’s argument or narrative and the words and phrases they use to make their argument or describe their version of history. Ask yourself: How does this document make me feel about this topic? What words or phrases does the author use to describe people and events?

2.) Explain why you underlined those parts. What about the words, phrases, or sentences indicated that this document was written from a Muslim’s perspective? How does this document make you feel about the First Crusade? Why?

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**AFTER READING BOTH ACCOUNTS OF THE FIRST CRUSADE, COMPLETE THE CHART BELOW. Identify two similarities and two differences between Raymond d’Aguiliers account of the First Crusade and Ibn al-Athir’s account of the First Crusade.**

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| **Corroboration**  **Identify two similarities and two differences regarding these accounts of the First Crusade.** |
| **SIMILARITIES:**  **1.)**  **2.)** |
| **DIFFERENCES:**  **1.)**  **2.)** |

Now, you are going to read a third document (Document C) without any source information. **Your task is to read the document and consider how it compares to Raymond d’Aguiliers and Ibn al-Thir’s account of the First Crusade. Try to determine if Document C comes from a Muslim or Christian writer.**

1.) Read Document C and underline words, phrases, or sentences that might indicate the perspective of Document C. Also, while reading the document you can continue analyzing perspective. Pay close attention to the author’s argument or narrative and the words and phrases they use to make their argument or describe their version of history. Ask yourself: How does this document make me feel about this topic? What words or phrases does the author use to describe people and events?

2.) Draw on evidence from ALL THREE documents and decide if Document C is more similar to d’Aguilers’ account of the First Crusade or to al-Thir’s account of the First Crusade. Complete the statement below drawing on evidence from Document C and either Document A or Document B to support your response. Justify your response with evidence from Document C and either Document A or Document B. Again, cite specific evidence from both documents and explain how and why the evidence supports your claim about Document C.

***Topic Sentence: Write an assertion that directly states your claim about Document C.***

Document C is similar to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ account of the First Crusade because both Document C and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_work describe the (choose one) Muslim / Christian perspective regarding the Crusaders entry into Jerusalem.

**Evidence: Introduce, give, and cite textual evidence that helps highlight the similarities between the two accounts of the First Crusade.**

In Document C, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***Textual Evidence (reference specific line #s)***

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**Evidence: Introduce, give, and cite a second piece of textual evidence that supports your claim about Document C.**

Similarly (choose one) d’Aguiliers’ / al-Thir’s account of Jerusalem’s capture during the First Crusade describes

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**Commentary: Explain your reasoning by writing one to two sentences that show how the textual evidence helps to illustrate the similarities between d’Aguiliers’ / al-Thir’s account and Document C.**

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**Evidence: Introduce, give, and cite a third piece of textual evidence that supports your claim about Document C.**

As a final example both Document C and (choose one) d’Aguiliers’ / al-Thir’s work describe

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***Textual Evidence (cite evidence [specific line #s] from both Document C and either Document A or Document B)***

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**Commentary: Explain your reasoning by writing two to three sentences that show how the textual evidence helps to illustrate the similarities between d’Aguiliers’ / al-Thir’s account and Document C.**

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**Concluding Sentence: Discuss the overall effect of the support details you offered and reiterate how it supports your topic sentence.**

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Be sure to:

* Write a topic sentence that directly responds to the prompt.
* Give at least four examples from the text(s) to support your response
* Explain how each piece of textual evidence supports your topic sentence
* Answer all parts of the question
* End with a concluding sentences that reinforces your main points

Also be sure to write a well-developed paragraph using all of the qualities of effective writing: Focus, Content, Organization, Style, and Conventions. Your essays will be evaluated according to these qualities.