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DARK AGES GUIDING QUESTIONS**Textbook A:**

1. What type of document is this?
2. When was it written?
3. How long does this textbook suggest the "Dark Ages" lasted?
4. Why, according to this textbook, were the "early Middle Ages" a "Dark Age"?
5. What is similar and different about this account and the definition we discussed earlier in class?

Textbook B:

1. What type of document is this?
2. When was it written?
3. What 2 periods of time does this excerpt describe? How does this textbook describe them?
4. How does this textbook compare textbook A and the description from class?
5. Which do you find more reliable? Why?

Document C:

1. When was this document written? By whom?
2. What kind of document is it? What do you think the purpose was for writing it?
3. Which textbook account (A or B) does this document corroborate, or more clearly match with? How and why?
4. Do you think it is a reliable piece of evidence? Why or why not?

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DARK AGES CLAIMS

Claim organizer:

Central question—Was the time period between 400 AD and 1400 AD a “Dark Age” for Europe? Was this a time of cultural decay and decline?

First Claim:

List 2-3 points from either textbook that support your claim

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Second Claim:

List 2-3 pieces of evidence from these documents that support your claim

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