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AP World

HW #34

Thesis: The attitudes of Christianity improve towards trade while attitudes of trade with Islam degrade.

Group Doc 1 and 3: Both talk about how rich people are perceived   
 Doc 1 says the rich shall hardly enter Heaven  
 POV: Written by a poor person, might not understand that wealth acquired by trade is not always evil, biased against the rich  
 Doc 3 talks about a monk who gets rich, then donates to the poor and becomes a hermit  
 POV: Written by a monk who is a colleague of the monk in the document is biased for the monk in the document by association. He could be making the monk sound better.

Group 2 and 5: Talks about rightful trading and Islam against greed  
 Doc 2 says trading is fine if both parties are being truthful about the cost  
 POV: Written by scribes hovering around Mohammad, biased against trading because scribes might not be educated enough to understand that profits are not a bad thing.  
 Doc 5 Trade is necessary, but traders are less manly than rulers   
 POV - Written by a scholar who is biased because he hasn't been in the trading business and is more religious, biased against traders.  
 Doc 7: 17 century decision that monopolizing the cotton by one person was endangering   
 the cotton guild and the cotton should be distributed. Shows that trading to  
 monopolize was not seen as good>  
 POV: Done in a religious court in a religion that dislikes untruthful trading. Biased against trading

Group 4 and 6: Both talk about the concept of profit  
 Doc 4: 1273 buying for less and selling for more than it's worth is deceit  
 POV: Aquinas was very close to religion, could be interpreting the part mentioned in doc 1. Biased against trade.  
 Doc 6: Letter C mentions remiting 1000 ducats in the name of God and profit. Both are invoked here.  
 POV: Letters are made by merchants, obviously biased for trade