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What are the flaws of the provided documents in trying to answer the following question: *Was Devshirme a good empire-building strategy?* Go through each document and identify its weakness in serving as evidence of the Devshirme experience. Record your response in the space provided.

DOCUMENT A	DOCUMENT B	DOCUMENT C	DOCUMENT D
<p><i>What are the weaknesses of this document in using it as evidence to evaluate Devshirme as an empire building strategy?</i></p>	<p><i>What are the weaknesses of this document in using it as evidence to evaluate Devshirme as an empire building strategy?</i></p>	<p><i>What are the weaknesses of this document in using it as evidence to evaluate Devshirme as an empire building strategy?</i></p>	<p><i>What are the weaknesses of this document in using it as evidence to evaluate Devshirme as an empire building strategy?</i></p>

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CENTRAL HISTORICAL QUESTION

WAS DEVSHIRME A GOOD EMPIRE-BUILDING STRATEGY FOR THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE?

DIRECTIONS: Working in your small groups, discuss last night’s central historical question (i.e. Was Devshirme a good empire building strategy for the Ottoman Empire?) As a group, come to a consensus on a scale of 1 to 10, in regards to the extent to which you believe Devshirme was good for the Ottoman Empire.

CHOOSE-A-CLAIM

1.) OUR GROUP DECIDED THAT DEVSHIRME WAS A _____ STRATEGY FOR THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE.

WE RATE THE VALUE OF DEVSHIRME ON A SCALE OF 1 - 8 AT A:

circle one:

THE WORST STRATEGY _____ THE BEST STRATEGY
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

WE HAVE COME TO THIS DECISION BECAUSE OF INFORMATION FROM DOCUMENT(S) _____

CREATE-A-CLAIM

As a group, construct a well-written claim and choose one piece of evidence from the documents that has led you to your claim.

SUPPORT-A-CLAIM

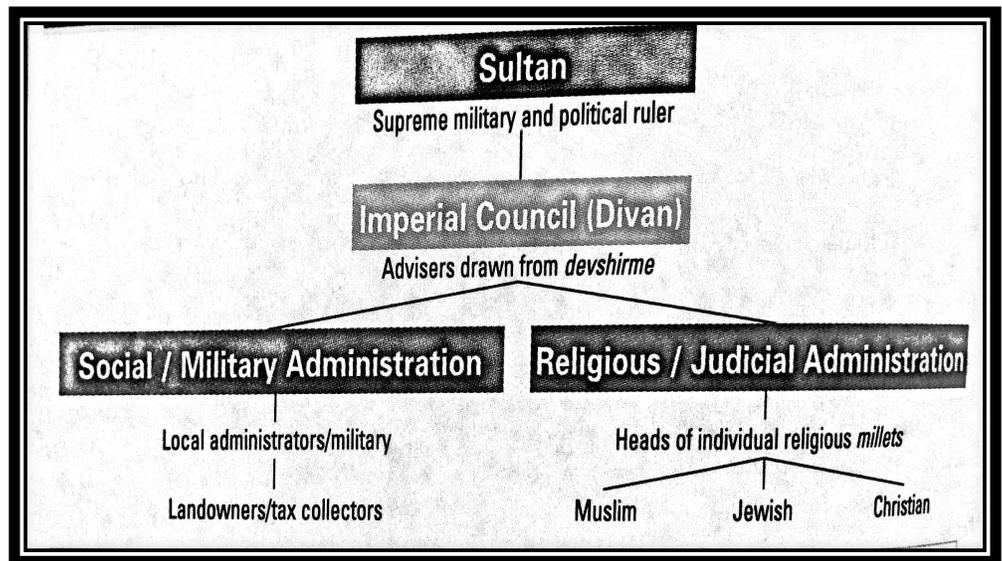
Explain in the space below what document supports your group’s claim and, more importantly how it supports.

HOMWORK: Read the following excerpt and respond to the question on the BACK.

THE MILLET SYSTEM IN THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

The millet system is an example of an empire – the Ottoman Empire, specifically – seeking to promote harmony rather than succumbing to the fate of so many empires before it (mainly, breaking into factions or smaller states as empires become too unwieldy to manage and inevitably weaken over time). In that regard, the millet system was a novel system of organization that recognized differences among its diverse ethnic and

religious groups and allowed religious communities within the umbrella to rule themselves since assimilating



non-Muslims and non-Turks into Ottoman society had previously proved less effective. Rather than forcing groups to conform to the majority's standard, there was an underlying emphasis rooted in freedom (i.e. freedom of religion) and tolerance, respecting those who held different views.

While this rule of law might raise the question of whether or not it represents tenuous efforts at unity and solidarity, it certainly speaks to the value of forms of accommodation and integration, such as truce, mediation, and compromise as a means of creating and sustaining social cohesion. However, each millet eventually became very independent, with its own facilities, such as schools, hospitals and churches. This, and the millets' differing views, made it no longer possible for distinct ethnic and religious groups to continue to live harmoniously side by side. Due to the rise of nationalism and the advent of European colonialism, the Ottoman Empire began to crumble.

HOMEWORK

DESPITE NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF DEVSHIRME, CAN THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE STILL BE VIEWED AS AN INTEGRATED SOCIETY?
