

**AP World History—2007
Question 1—Document-Based Question**

Question:

Using the documents, analyze Han and Roman attitudes toward technology. Identify one additional type of document and explain briefly how it would help your analysis.

Additional Document or Not?		Y/N?
1	It would have been nice to hear what a peasant felt.	
2	A document from a low class person's point of view would show how they felt about technology.	
3	For an additional document, a religious point of view would help. Religious point of views tend to be more conservative. Being conservative would tend to dislike technology.	
4	Even though some people didn't want to change, the peasants never have any say in anything. Probably, most were in-between whether they like technology or they didn't. However, their opinions never are voiced.	
5	This was only the opinion of the upper-class. [Referring to documents 5 and 7] An additional document explaining the view of a craftsmen about new tools would provide a balance of opinions.	
6	If I could have two more documents they would be a document from the Roman Empire stating the money used to build the aqueducts, roads, and sewers and another document from the Han stating how much they spent on building and maintaining the Silk Road and flood prevention.	
7	Perhaps an additional document from an actual worker who has been working on the labor of agriculture their whole life would be helpful to determine their feelings of how important technology is to them and how they wish for a tool to relieve most of the work for them.	
8	After seeing the opinions of high government officials and upper-class philosophers, it was made clear that the opinion of a common worker or civilian may have been helpful on the level of technology required to sustain a healthy society.	
9	An additional document that would be useful to help this analysis would be that of a common person from the Han/Roman Empire. The effects on the common person, accounted by a common person would be helpful.	
10	But there is a missing opinion: that of an inventor or worker more directly affected by these advances. A worker in Han China may have supported the anti-technology side because innovations produced poor goods, weakened the economy, and as a result lowered wages. However innovations may have made work easier for the laborers. An accounts book, journal, or other document from them may have provided that information and a clearer picture of the general attitudes.	

Answer Key

1 No 2 No 3 No 4 No 5 Yes 6 No 7 Yes 8 Yes 9 No 10 Yes