

Qin Xi Huang

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Qin Xi Huang was a leader of the Qin dynasty who united the four warring states but also punished and killed scholars and burned all the books other than "practical ones". I believe that doc A is the most reliable source because it lists the facts instead of having lots of biased opinions. The last thing is that doc A states that his subjects thought of him as a cruel tyrant because he killed scholars which is stating the fact of what they thought and not having a biased opinion which proves what I said earlier.

Document B was written by Jia Yi who was a statesman in the Han dynasty which was the dynasty that came after and defeated the Qin dynasty which makes it very easy for Jia Yi to be able to be biased. Also Jia Yi was a Confucian scholar and Qin punished and killed Confucian scholars so Jia probably didn't like Qin that much.

Document C was written by T'an Hsiao-Wen during the cultural revolution. The Communists did a lot of the same things as Qin so when they heard about what Qin did they liked him. They also said that he didn't kill enough scholars and didn't burn enough books.

Qin did a lot of terrible things and the Communists did the same so I think they had a bias towards him.

Compared to document B, A states more facts instead of just saying he was a bad person which document B did. Document C was written during the Cultural Revolution by communists who did the same things but document A was written not too long ago so it makes it less biased because the people who wrote it weren't in a society where they did those things. Doc B and C are both biased but in different ways. Document B thought that Qin was cruel while document C thought that he was great.

In conclusion I think that document A is the most reliable because it is less opinionated and states more facts.