**Primary Sources: Armenian Genocide (1915-1916): Read each excerpt carefully. Match it with the correct author, date, & description. Write on a separate sheet of paper [10 points].**

1. Preparations and presentations have been proposed & considered for a final end, in a comprehensive & absolute way, to this issue, which constitutes an important matter among the vital issues for the state….
2. Unionists frankly admit that the ultimate objective of the actions against the Armenians is complete annihilation. The utterance “After the war, not a single Armenian shall remain in Turkey” belongs, word for word, to one of the prominent [CUP] individuals.
3. During my few days of service in this government I’ve learned of a few secrets and have come across something interesting. The deportation order was issued through official channels by the minister of the interior and sent to the provinces. Following this order the [CUP] Central Committee circulated its own ominous order to all parties to allow the gangs to carry out their wretched task. Thus the gangs were in the field, ready for their atrocious slaughter.
4. Save us! We will become Muslims!...We will become Germans! We will become anything you want, just save us! They are taking us to the Kemah Pass to cut our throats.
5. A Muslim who protects an Armenian will be executed in front of his house and the house burned. If he is a civil servant, he will be dismissed and sent before the Court-Martial; members of the military who consider it appropriate to protect [such persons] will come before the Court-Martial for military insubordination and be tried.
6. The empire must be built on a Muslim & Pan-Turkist foundation… Non-Muslim communities have to be Islamicized by force or, failing that, eliminated.
7. Cemal Azmi Bey ordered the gendarmes to collect Armenian men and take them by boat to Kumkale. On the way they were all killed—some shot, others thrown into the sea…Niyazi Efendi was in charge of the boats. Around Degirmendere…the women and children were loaded onto boats, taken to the sea and thrown off to drown.
8. Are the Armenians being dispatched from there being liquidated? Are these troublesome people you say you’ve expelled and dispersed being exterminated or just deported? Answer explicitly.
9. In view of these crimes of Turkey against humanity and civilization, the Allied governments announce publicly to the Sublime Porte [the Ottoman government] that they will hold personally responsible [for] these crimes all members of the Ottoman government and those of their agents who are implicated in such massacres.
10. When I received orders from the Ministry of the Interior regarding the deportation of Armenians, I pretended not to understand. As you know, other provinces were done with the deportations before I had ever started. Then one day Atif Bey came to me and orally conveyed the interior minister’s orders that the Armenians were to be murdered during the deportation. “No, Atif Bey,” I said, “I am a governor, not a bandit, I cannot do this, I will leave this post and you can come and do it.”

**Match the correct primary source quotations on the front of the handout with the accompanying descriptions and writers below.**

1. Message sent to the Grand Vizier from the Minister of Interior, Talat Pasha, regarding the intent behind deporting the Armenians from Anatolia in eastern Turkey; refers to solving the Armenian question in absolute terms as “a final end” [May 26, 1915]
2. Eyewitness testimony from postwar trial regarding the killing of Armenian men, women, and children in the Black Sea region; many were simply thrown into the waters to drown. [trial’s fourth session, April 3, 1919]
3. Eyewitness account of woman who came across a convoy of Armenian women being deported; they appealed to those with the eyewitness to save them. [report of witness dated July 28, 1915]
4. German vice-consul, Max Erwin von Scheuber-Richter voices the CUP’s intention to wipe out the Armenians as a group in Turkey citing a prominent government official without naming the individual. [July 28, 1915]
5. Excerpt from a report by German vice-consul Scheuber-Richter discussing the intent of the CUP to force Islam on non-Muslim minorities, or eliminate them; reflects the radical Pan-Turkish nationalist program of the Young Turks. [December 4, 1916]
6. A joint declaration by Allied powers in WWI making one of the earliest mentions of “crimes against humanity” committed by the Turkish government; asserts that those responsible will be held to account. [May 25, 1915]
7. A cabinet minister for the first post-WWI Ottoman government, Resit Akif Pasha giving a speech to parliament describing the process of the Armenian genocide; he makes specific reference to deportation orders and role of gangs of the Special Organization. [November 21, 1918]
8. In this testimony following WWI, governor of Ankara, Mazhar Bey, describes receiving the orders to deport the Armenians and his refusal to cooperate; he was subsequently removed from his position.
9. A telegram sent by Sakir Bey to a local party secretary asks about the fate of the Armenians, whether they’re being liquidated (meaning killed) or just deported. [quoted in records of a postwar trial, April 1919]
10. A telegram issued by General Mahmut Kamil Pasa illustrates the involvement of the Turkish military; the general warns against protecting Armenians and threatens such would-be protectors with harsh consequences. [from the first session trial of CUP leaders, April 1919]