The Black Death: Tiny DBQ

*Answer all questions in your notebooks.* ***DO NOT WRITE ON THIS SHEET****. Be sure to label your notebook.*

Background Info

1. What was another name for the Black Death?
2. Where did it first appear?
3. What do we think the Black Death was caused by today?
4. What were the symptoms?
5. How long could people expect to live once they contracted the Black Death?

Document 1

1. When does the author say the plague first struck Italy?
2. Where does the swelling seem to occur most often?
3. Why does he mean when he says “none could be found to bury the dead for money or friendship.”
4. Why do you think that he mentioned people were being buried without a priest?
5. What did people of the time think was happening?

Document 2

1. Why do you think people became “depraved, more prone to every vice”?
2. The effects the plague had on people’s physical health was obvious but what effects did the plague have on people’s mental health?

Document 3

1. Most likely, what religion is the author of this document?
2. The population of people all came together carrying what item?
3. In Syria, how did the Black Death bring people of all faiths together?

\*\*\*Be sure to complete the Document Analysis sheet for each of these Documents as well\*\*\*