

Assignment 2

Event Name: How the Umayyads established rule

Event Description: After Ali^(r) was assassinated, Muawiya became the next leader of the Ummah. He did not get the position right away. He sent a letter to Hasan, Ali's son, to form some compromise. Hasan was known to not want the position very much, and he found that fighting Muawiya would not help, so he gave his position, after only 6 months, to Muawiya, under conditions: the name of Ali(r) should no longer be cursed in the Khutbah, and that the Shiah should not be harassed. Muawiya was then the official leader and started the dynastic rule of the Umayyads.

Justification: I think this event is important for Muslims because it was the beginning of a new rule. Muslims have never before went by dynastic rule. Muawiya's rule also brought peace to the Muslims - which they needed after the fighting. This event is important for non-Muslims because it shows