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The following two questions refer to the excerpt below.

“[The Byzantine Emperor] Heraclius gathered large bodies of Greeks, Syrians, Mesopotamians and Armenians numbering about 200,000... resolving to fight the Muslims so that he might either win or withdraw to the land of the Greeks...The Muslims gathered together and the Greek army marched against them. The battle they fought at al-Yarmuk, was of the fiercest and bloodiest kind.... In this battle 24,000 Muslims took part. By Allah's help, some 70,000 of them were put to death, and their remnants took to flight, reaching as far as Palestine, Antioch, Aleppo, Mesopotamia and Armenia....

When Heraclius massed his troops against the Muslims... the Muslims refunded to the inhabitants of Hims the karaj [tribute] they had taken from them saying, "We are too busy to support and protect you. Take care of yourselves." But the people of Hims replied, "We like your rule and justice far better than the state of oppression and tyranny in which we were...." The Jews rose and said, "We swear by the Torah, no governor of Heraclius shall enter the city of Hims unless we are first vanquished and exhausted!" Saying this, they closed the gates of the city and guarded them. The inhabitants of the other cities -- Christian and Jew -- that had capitulated to the Muslims, did the same... When by Allah's help the 'unbelievers' were defeated and the Muslims won, they opened the gates of their cities... and paid the karaj.”

--Al-Baladhuri, account of the Battle of Yarmuk, 636

1. The excerpt provides evidence to support the argument that
   A) the introduction of Islamic texts to Western Europe resulted in the diffusion of intellectual traditions.
   B) the later expansion of Islam occurred due to economic exchanges along trade routes.
   C) feudal military leaders successfully prevented Islam from spreading into Western Europe.
   D) much of the early expansion of Islam was accomplished through conquest.

2. Which new state form developed as a result of the event referenced in the excerpt and others like it?
   A) oligarchy
   B) caliphate
   C) city-state
   D) tributary state