

DBQ: Document-Based Questions

The Han of China

“The Xiongnu had defeated the king of the Yuezhi and had made his skull into a drinking vessel. As a result the Yuezhi...bore a constant grudge against the Xiongnu, though as yet they had been unable to find anyone to join them in an attack on their enemy.... When the emperor* heard this, he decided to try to send an envoy to establish relations with the Yuezhi.”

- Sima Qian, *Records of the Grand Historian*

*Wudi

Directions: Answer the following questions based on the reading and your knowledge of social studies.

1. Why did the Yuezhi hold a grudge against the Xiongnu?

2. Why did Emperor Wudi move to establish relations with the Yuezhi?