*HIPPO #1*

*“The Quran on Allah and His Expectations of Humankind” (Chapter 14, page 350)*

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| **H** | ***H****istorical Context* | This was written during the foundation of Islam. Most of the people in the Arabian peninsula followed polytheistic pagan gods. Judaism and Christianity were already established, but the Quran was intended to be the full message for “people of the book”. The Sassanid and Byzantine Empires dominated the near east at this time (7th century). |
| **I** | ***I****ntended Audience* | The Quran was meant for all people. It was meant to spread the message not only to pagans, but also Jews and Christians. |
| **P** | ***P****urpose* | Muhammad was revealing the message he believed he received from Allah. The purpose was to share this message with all people, so that they would submit (become Muslims). |
| **P** | ***P****oint of View*  *(P.O.V.)* | The author was Muhammad. He was a wealthy merchant and the very writing of the Quran was considered beautiful. Both for its style (poetic) and for it’s appearance (calligraphy). From his point of view, all people should listen to his message and convert to Islam. |
| **O** | ***O****utside Info.* | Arabs believe they are descended from Abraham through his son Ismael (Arabs = sons of Abraham). They believe that Islam is the final development of Judaism and Christianity. They share many of the same monotheistic beliefs and prophets. As Islam expands in the 7th and 8th centuries, it will dominate the regions that were formerly Christian and Jewish. Later the Christians will try to take back this land in the Crusades (11th and 12th centuries). |