Document Analysis Worksheet:
The Trial of Galileo

1. Type of Documents (Check one)
   ___ Letter           ___ Telegram             ___ Report
   ___ Diary           ___ Advertisement        ___ Government document
   ___ Memoir          ___ Newspaper             ___ Other: _____________________

2. Date(s) of document(s):
   __________________________________________________________________________

3. Author(s) or creator(s) of the documents:
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4. Other information about the author(s) indicated on the documents (position, title, etc.):
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5. For what audience were the documents written? _________________________________
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6. List three things from the documents that you think are important:
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7. Why do you think these documents were written? ________________________________
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8. What evidence in the documents helps you know why they were written? Quote from the
   document____________________________________________________________________
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9. List two or more things the documents tell you about views of the physical world at the time.
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10. Write a question that is left unanswered by the documents.

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11. One of the hallmarks of the Scientific Revolution was the establishment of the scientific method of inquiry. What do these documents indicate about differing approaches to doing science?

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12. How did Galileo’s ideas about the solar system challenge existing scientific and religious beliefs?

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