## How Barbaric Were The Barbarians

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The Mongols were a massive empire. So massive that it was the biggest conquest in the world at 4,860,000 square miles led by Genghis Khan. That is double to Alexander the Great with a measly 2,180,000 square miles. The way they accomplished this was with their inventiveness that they used for unusually good but vicious military strategies. Some people along with me think their methods of doing this are wrong. I am going to show some bad things they did along with some good things so you can make your own opinion.

The Mongols conquered many towns and cities. That does not make them barbaric. What does is that they killed over 40,000,000 people. That is one of the main reasons I think the Mongols are evil. Some of that number for that barbaric kill count came from Kozelsk where they killed literally everyone. In a scroll picture prisoners were seen being buried alive and one prisoner was getting shot by an arrow.

There are more bad things the Mongols have done than killing and torture. Their torturous army tactics. These tactics were not only violent but fear inducing. They would put you into groups of ten and if you tried to escape or step out of line they would kill all ten people in your group. They would treat women like objects. You would have been able to marry as many people as you want for a price. You can even marry your father's wives after he has passed.

One good thing I can say about the Mongols is that they invented lots of things. They created gunpowder which is impressive. Which helped not just them but us. Without gunpowder we could not have been able to defend ourselves in future battles to come. The Mongols also made saddles that made it so when they are in battle they can sit up and aim their weapon. More on that later. They created canals for transportation and communication in China and Persia.

The Mongols were also smart in planning attacks and defending land. When they would fight armies they would set up moms, children and dummies behind the soldiers so their armies would look bigger. The saddles they created were pretty cool. The Mongols created them so

when they were in battle on their horses they could stand up and aim with their weapon. All their enemies didn't have them so they were at a disadvantage.

Overall I think the Mongols are still barbarians. No matter how smart they were, they still killed people. Not just killing the amount of people they killed. Still the Mongols were revolutionary. That is just my opinion. I hope you can build your opinion with the evidence I have collected.