

Were the Mongols Barbarians?

Some people think that the Mongols were Barbarians, some people don't. I believe that the Mongols were barbarians. They were murderers and very cruel people led by Ghengis Khan in 1206-1368. Their actions and way of doing things were very barbaric. Ghengis Khan was very smart when it came to controlling people with fear.

The Mongols were barbarians because of their crazy actions such as, when they were ready to start their battles, they would make sure that there were human-like figures on some horses to make their armies look bigger, and more intense to scare their enemy. Because of this, their enemies would surrender, and the Mongols would use them to their advantage. They would execute the ones that were not useful to them (such as people who didn't have many skills for example). They would enslave the ones who had skills that were useful, for example they would use them to make weapons for more battles against their enemies.

Ghengis Khan used controlling strategies against his own people, too. For instance, he would demand that his own soldiers be put in a group of ten. If one, two, or three people tried to run away, the whole group of ten were put to death. If the whole group of ten people attempted to run away, all ten groups of ten were put to death, that's 100 people all dying, and obviously, the Mongols did this to make sure the people stayed in battle and didn't try to leave. The Mongols were so vicious that they didn't even allow cats or dogs to be left alive. When they executed people, they sorted the heads in piles, women's heads in one pile, men's heads in another, and children's in the other. Furthermore, wherever the Mongols conquered, they

adapted to the environment and then made it into a more controlling and harsher environment for the people there like making them part of their empire.

There were a few things that most families were supposed to do in Mongolian culture. The husband's job was to hunt for meat, the wife's role was required to stay home and cook and do chores around the home. When running low on food, the women sang happy songs to lighten the mood, and always respected each other. The Mongols were smart, too. For example, they would build places every five miles to stay in while travelling to their battles. The soldiers would also get a new horse, which was fully rested and fed, every twenty five miles and they would leave their tired horses there to rest up for the next soldiers, and this was their highly developed postal system.

In conclusion, the Mongols are hard to characterize because they were very barbaric, but they also did have some nice things they did with families and good tactics that they used which were not terrifying and stressful. I guess we will never truly know if the Mongols were really barbarians but, I still believe they were.