

The Mongols Text Reading Organizer pp. 376-379

Read the text pages noted above. Place the letter from A-Q options in the outline where bullets are provided.

Answer the open ended questions on the back.

The Mongols were a nomadic people who grazed horses/sheep. Their chieftain Genghis Khan organized the various Mongol clans who then conquered land from the Pacific Ocean to Europe.

How Did The Mongol Army Build An Empire?

Mongols Invade China

- Strict military discipline and loyalty
- Good fierce fighters on horseback
- New weaponry
- Continued conquest even though Genghis Khan died-smooth transition

Rulers Establish Order and Peace

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How Did the Mongols Rule China?

Genghis Khan's grandson, Kublai Khan, completed the conquest of China.

All Mongol Government

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Marco Polo Writes About China (NOTE: What effect might this contact have on Europe?)

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Mongols Continue Outside Contact

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What event signals the decline of the Mongol (Yuan) Dynasty in China? What conditions caused the decline and eventual fall of the Mongol Dynasty?

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What might be a reason the Mongols tried to keep most high-level government posts for fellow Mongols?

Why did the Mongols also use Chinese officials in the government?

What evidence is there that the Mongols were NOT xenophobic?

Marco Polo's writing on Kublai Khan and the Mongols is what kind of source?

What effect might Marco Polo's stories and writing have had on Europe?