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WHAP: Unit 5.4: The Mongols

KBP 1

The Mongols: WHAP Themes

Directions: Using the station handout answer the following questions for each WHAP theme in complete sentences. For the first question for each theme be sure to cite *THREE* of the documents or images in your response.

Part I:

Humans and the Environment [10 pts]

1. What do the images tell you about how the Mongols interacted with their environment? How did their lifestyle aid them in expansion? How might it have hindered their expansion?

Government and Politics [20 pts]

1. What do the images and documents tell you about government in the Mongolian empire? How did their government aid them in expansion? How might it have hindered their expansion?
2. Compare the governmental system of the Mongols to those of the Islamic caliphates. How are the two styles similar? How are they different? What might account for these similarities and differences?

Economy [10 pts]

1. What do the images and documents tell you about economics in the Mongolian empire? How did their economy aid them in expansion? How might it have hindered their expansion?

Culture [20 pts]

1. What do the images and documents tell you about culture in the Mongolian empire? How did their culture aid them in expansion? How might it have hindered their expansion?

2. Compare how the Mongols handled citizens of different religions in their empire to Medieval Europe, the Islamic Caliphates and Tang dynasty China.

Social Structure *[20 pts]*

1. What do the images and documents tell you about the social structure in the Mongolian empire? How did their social structure aid them in expansion? How might it have hindered their expansion?
2. Compare the social structure of the Mongol Empire to either the social structure of Japan or of Europe.

Part II *[10 pts]*

It is often said that the Mongols are the exception to the rules of history and empires. To what extent might this statement be true? To what extent might it be false?