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**The Mongols**

**Unit 7: Late Middle Ages**  
**4/15/2025**

**The Mongols of the Steppes**

What was the importance of the following (how did they shape Mongol life/society?)

<u><b>Steppe environment</b></u>	<u><b>Social organization</b></u>	<u><b>Religious Beliefs</b></u>

**Historical Context: What broader developments in Asia help us understand the rise of the Mongols?**

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**Rise of Temujin (Genghis Khan)**

1. How did Temujin rise to power from the Borjigin tribe and unite the Mongol tribes? What changes did he make to Mongol organization?
2. How did Temüjin reform his army and create a professional military? What made his Mongol soldiers so formidable, and how did he become khan?
3. The Mongols were small compared to many of the large civilizations (like China) that they would conquer. How did they manage to defeat larger enemies?

4. **Accounts from the Conquered:** What do the accounts of Juvaini and Ibn al-Athir reveal about the Mongol conquests? Why do we have to be careful about taking these accounts at face value?

**How did Genghis Khan Build his Empire? Think about how each policy or development allowed the Mongols to expand and/or consolidate their control over conquered regions.**

<u>Legal Code (Yassa)-first 2 docs: purpose?</u>	<u>Genghis' Orders &amp; Chart (purpose/reasoning?)</u>
<u>Paiza System (purpose?)</u>	<u>Yam System (purpose?)</u>
<u>Culture &amp; Conquest (Allsen)</u>	<u>Khubi System (why would this type of organization be important?)</u>

**Making Connections:** How did Genghis' policies build off one another to allow the Mongols to build and consolidate their empire? For example, think about how the paiza and yam were interrelated, or about how expansion and incorporation of regions/people facilitated further expansion.

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