



# 2.2 THE MONGOLS

# HERE IS ALL THAT THE COLLEGE BOARD REQUIRES OF YOU FOR:

**THIS IS THE THEMATIC FOCUS. IT'S WHAT YOU SHOULD FOCUS ON FOR THIS SECTION**

### THEMATIC FOCUS

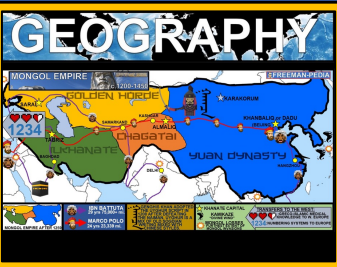
#### Governance **GOV**

A variety of internal and external factors contribute to state formation, expansion, and decline. Governments maintain order through a variety of administrative institutions, policies, and procedures, and governments obtain, retain, and exercise power in different ways and for different purposes.

### HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENTS

#### KC-3.2.I.B.iii

Empires collapsed in different regions of the world and in some areas were replaced by new imperial states, including the Mongol khanates.



### THEMATIC FOCUS

#### Economics Systems **ECN**

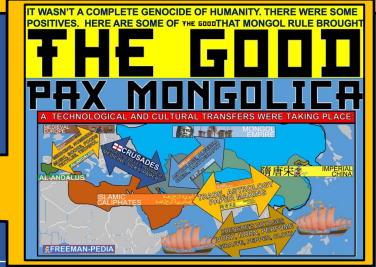
As societies develop, they affect and are affected by the ways that they produce, exchange, and consume goods and services.

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### HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENTS

#### KC-3.1.I.E.i

The expansion of empires—including the Mongols—facilitated Afro-Eurasian trade and communication as new people were drawn into their conquerors' economies and trade networks.



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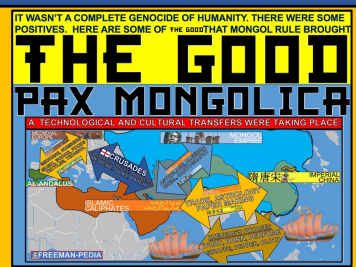
#### Cultural Developments and Interactions **CDI**

The development of ideas, beliefs, and religions illustrates how groups in society view themselves, and the interactions of societies and their beliefs often have political, social, and cultural implications.

### HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENTS

#### KC-3.2.II.A.ii

Interregional contacts and conflicts between states and empires, including the Mongols, encouraged significant technological and cultural transfers.





# GEOGRAPHY

**MONGOL EMPIRE**

NETWORKS OF EXCHANGE  
c. 1200-1450

**FREEMAN-PEDIA**



 **IBN BATTUTA**  
29 yrs 75,000+ mi.

 **MARCO POLO**  
24 yrs 23,339 mi.


 GENGHIS KHAN ADOPTED THE UYGHUR SCRIPT IN 1208 AFTER DEFEATING THE NAIMAN. UYGHUR IS A MIX OF OLD SOGDIAN WRITING MIXED WITH CHINESE STYLES.


 **KHANATE CAPITAL**

 **KAMIKAZE "DIVINE WIND"**

 **MONGOL LOSSES FURTHEST EXTENT OF MONGOL INVASIONS**

**TRANSFERS TO THE WEST:**

 : GRECO-ISLAMIC MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE TO W. EUROPE

 **1234**: NUMBERING SYSTEMS TO EUROPE

NETFLIX ORIGINAL  
MARCO  
POLLO







# FEMUCHIN

THE HISTORY OF GENGHIS KHAN COMES TO US FROM *THE SECRET HISTORY OF THE MONGOLS* WRITTEN FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY AT THE TIME OF GENGHIS KHAN'S DEATH. SO, IF YOU WANT THE WHOLE STORY...



## LIST OF LARGEST KILLERS EVER!

| NAME                   | (DEATH TOLL)     | CENTURY      |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1. MAO ZEDONG          | (60 MILL)        | 1900s        |
| 2. <b>GENGHIS KHAN</b> | <b>(40 MILL)</b> | <b>1200s</b> |
| 3. JOSEPH STALIN       | (40 MILL)        | 1900s        |
| 4. ADOLF HITLER        | (30 MILL)        | 1900s        |
| 5. KING LEOPOLD II     | (8 MILL)         | 1800s        |
| 6. HIDEKI TOJO         | (5 MILL)         | 1900s        |
| 7. ISMAIL PASHA        | (2 MILL)         | 1900s        |

- BORN IN 1162 ON THE STEPPE OF MONGOLIA
  - STEPPE= 2x SIZE OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN
  - FLAT, OPEN, HARSH LIFESTYLE
- THINK OF HOW MUCH WE KNOW ABOUT:
  - JULIUS CAESAR, ALEXANDER THE GREAT, MUHAMMAD, ETC.
  - NO ONE AS LARGE IS AS UNKNOWN...
- GREW UP IN THE HARSH STEPPE CULTURE
  - KIDNAPPING=COMMON (HE WAS KIDN. 2x)
  - KILLED HIS YOUNGER BROTHER FOR TAKING HIS FISH (WITH HELP OF OTHER BRO)
  - FATHER POISONED BY HIS ENEMIES
- WORSHIPPED THE BLUE SKY GOD
- UNITED THE MONGOL TRIBES INTO ONE ARMY

# HORSES



- EARTH'S TOP SPEED FROM 3,000 BCE-1829 CE WAS 30 MPH (HORSESPEED)
  - STEPPE=PERFECT FOR HORSES
  - EACH MONGOL HAD 20 HORSES WITH THEM
    - FOLLOW THEM LIKE PETS
    - CAME TO THEIR WHISTLE
    - AFTER RIDING ONE, WOULDN'T RIDE AGAIN FOR 3-4 DAYS
- CHILDREN BEGIN RIDING AT AGE 3
- WHIPPING YOUR HORSE WAS PUNISHABLE BY DEATH
- MONGOLS COULD RIDE & FIRE ARROWS UNDERNEATH THEIR HORSES

**“IT IS EASY TO CONQUER THE WORLD ON THE BACK OF A HORSE.” -G. KHAN**



# THE BOW

160 POUND COMPOSITE BOW  
150 ARROWS IN A QUIVER  
FIRE 12 ARROWS A MINUTE

- HELD AN ARCHERY COMPETITION... A MONGOL HIT **THREE** MOVING TARGETS FROM **500 meters**.



***THEN FOUR OTHER ARCHERS TIED HIM...***

- STORIES TOLD OF MONGOLS SHOOTING BIRDS FROM THE SKY...
- DUE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BOW, MONGOL ARROWS WOULD PIERCE ANY ARMOR USED ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD



# THE BOW

**World record:  
Archery Fast Shooting**

**11 arrows in the air before the  
first arrow hit the ground.**





# MONGOL LIFESTYLE

- STEPPE LIFE=HARD LIFE
- PASTORAL PEOPLE
- FOLLOWED THEIR ANIMALS
- LIVED IN YURTS FOR MOBILITY
- WOMEN HELD HIGHER STATUS
  - SIMILAR TO SPARTA
  - MEN WERE AT WAR
  - WOMEN WERE NEARLY EQUAL IN TERMS OF MARKSMANSHIP & HORSEBACK RIDING
  - THERE WAS EVEN A FEMALE KHAN (TOROGENE KHATUN)
- HELD A PHYSICAL ADVANTAGE OVER ALL SEDENTARY PEOPLE





- STEPPE PEOPLE=NUISANCE FOR CHINA
- CHINESE BIGGEST FEAR= UNIFICATION
- PROBLEM: 1206 THE TRIBES OF THE STEPPE MET AT A KURULTAI...

***“WE WANT YOU TO BE KHAN. TEMUCHIN, IF YOU WILL BE OUR KHAN, WE WILL SEARCH THROUGH THE SPOILS FOR THE BEAUTIFUL WOMEN AND VIRGINS; THROUGH THE GREAT PALACE TENTS FOR THE LOVELIEST WOMEN, FOR THE FINEST MARES. WE WILL GATHER ALL OF THESE AND BRING THEM TO YOU. IF WE DISOBEY YOUR COMMAND DURING BATTLE, TAKE AWAY OUR POSSESSIONS, OUR CHILDREN, AND OUR WIVES. LEAVE US BEHIND IN THE DUST, CUTTING OFF OUR HEADS WHERE WE STAND AND LETTING THEM FALL TO THE GROUND. LEAVE US BEHIND IN THE DESERT. WE PROCLAIM YOU, GENGHIS KHAN (UNIVERSAL RULER).”***

*-OATH TAKEN AT THE 1206 KURULTAI*





# PHASE ONE THE CHINAS

## VICTIM #1: THE TATARS

- QUICKLY FELL TO THE MONGOL CAV.

## VICTIM #2: THE NAIMAN

- SAME...
- MONGOL EMPIRE FED ON ONE THING:
  - LOOT, PLUNDER...
- BEST PLACE TO GET STUFF?!? CHINA

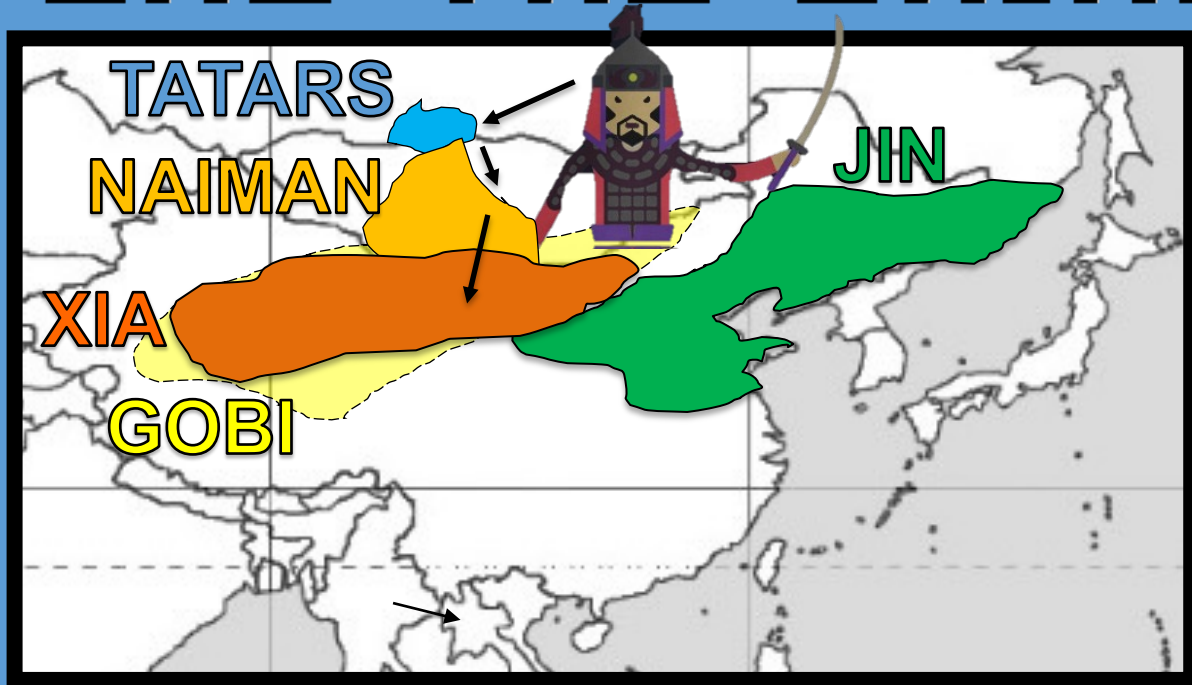
**PROBLEM: THE TANG JUST FELL... SO THERE ARE 3:**



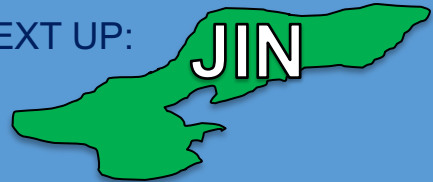
- WEAKEST; GK's 1<sup>ST</sup> SEDENTARY SOCIETY
- INDIRECT ATTACK PLAN
- XIA HAD VERY LITTLE DEFENSES TO THEIR WEST



- NO ONE COULD CROSS THIS IMPASSABLE DESERT...
- XIA RETREAT TO CITIES
- MONGOLS DAM RIVER; FLOOD FORCES XIA SURREN.



AS THE MONGOLS CONQUERED, THEY TOOK WHAT THEY NEEDED... FROM THE UYGURS, THIS MEANT THEIR WRITING.



- NEXT UP: **JIN**
- STRONGEST OF THE THREE
  - ARMY=600K, CAV=120K
  - POPULATION=60 MILLION
- REMEMBER THE SONG?
  - JIN DEFEATED CHITANS
- SINIFIED=NO LONGER SCARY
- HAVE MOST OF CHINA'S RESOURCES
- MONGOLS USE PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE
  - COLLECTED EARS...

- PAUSE: KURULTAI
  - GK GOES BACK TO THE BLUE SKY GOD
  - GOD TOLD HIM THAT CHINA WAS HIS...
  - TOLD HIS MEN TO LEARN SIEGE WARFARE (*NEXT*)
- GK KNEW JIN WERE INTERNALLY WEAK (JIN WERE CONQUERORS)
  - BORDERS GUARDED BY CHITANS (ENEMIES)
- LARGEST CONFLICT UNTIL WWI
  - 10s OF MILLIONS GONE...

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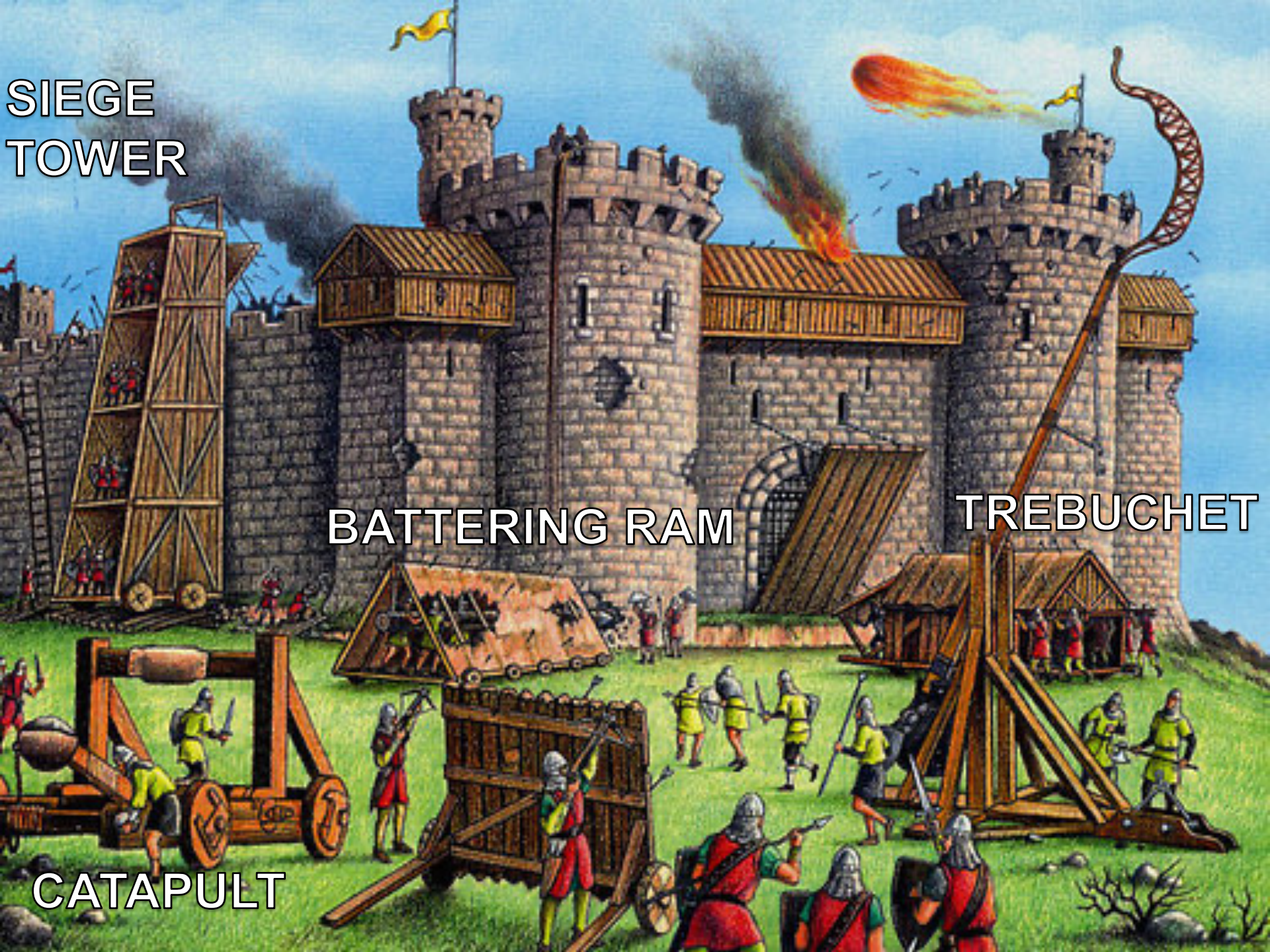


SIEGE  
TOWER

BATTERING RAM

TREBUCHET

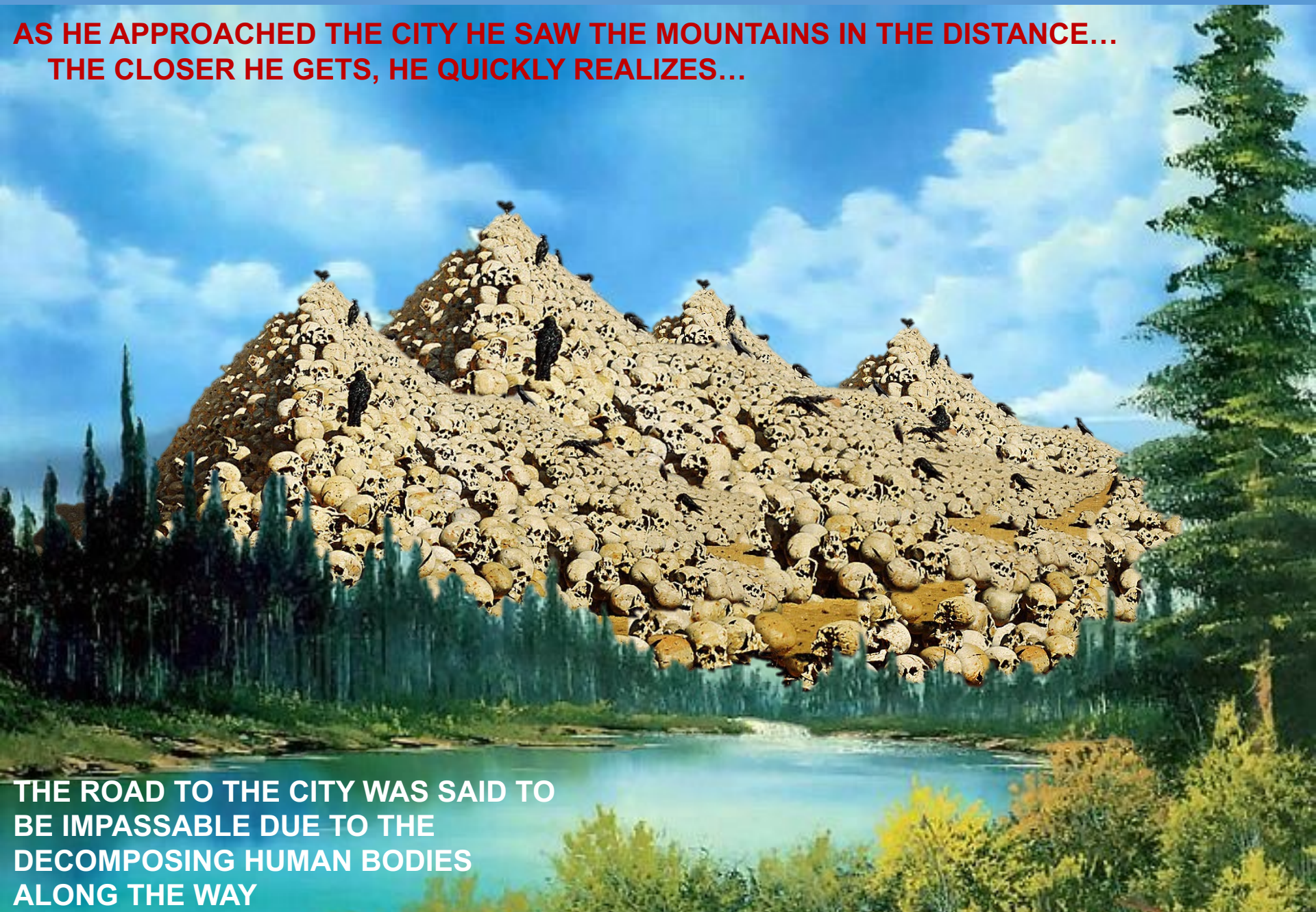
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**MEANWHILE THE KHWARIZMIAN SHAH SENDS AN EMISSARY TO EXPLORE THE GREAT EMPIRES TO THE EAST. THE EMISSARY SENT BACK THIS REPORT OF THE GREAT CHINESE CAPITAL, XHONGDU:**

**AS HE APPROACHED THE CITY HE SAW THE MOUNTAINS IN THE DISTANCE...  
THE CLOSER HE GETS, HE QUICKLY REALIZES...**



**THE ROAD TO THE CITY WAS SAID TO  
BE IMPASSABLE DUE TO THE  
DECOMPOSING HUMAN BODIES  
ALONG THE WAY**



# Khongdu

- POPULATION ≈ 1 MILLION
- TOP 5 ON EARTH
- 1. HANGZHOU, 2. BAGHDAD 3. KAIFENG 4. XIONGDU 5. CAIRO (ESTIMATES...)
- 40 FT. TALL WALLS
- 900 BATTLE TOWERS
- 13 GATES; SUBTERR. TUNNELS

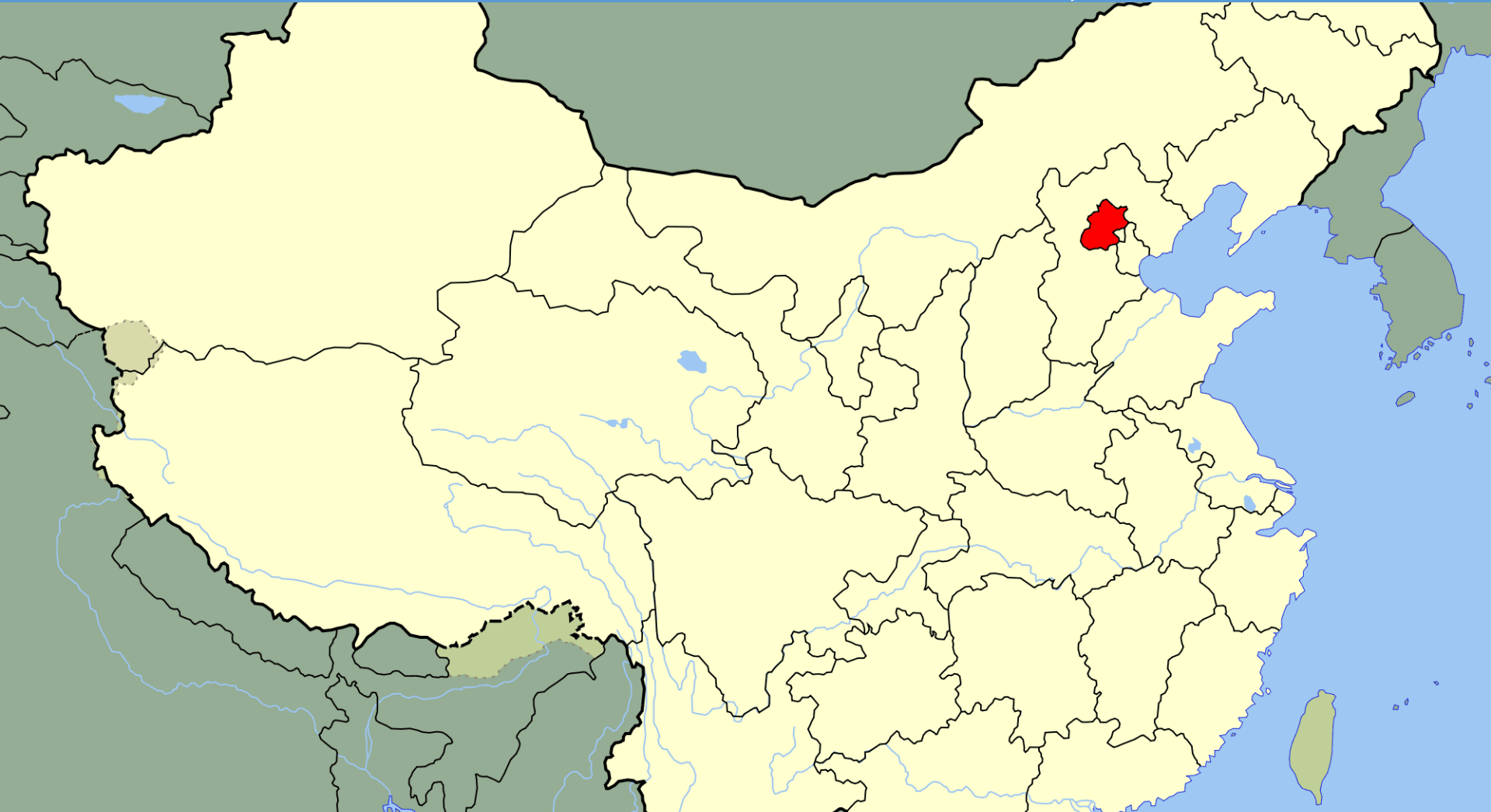


DANING PALACE BY TAIYE LAKE



# Khongdu

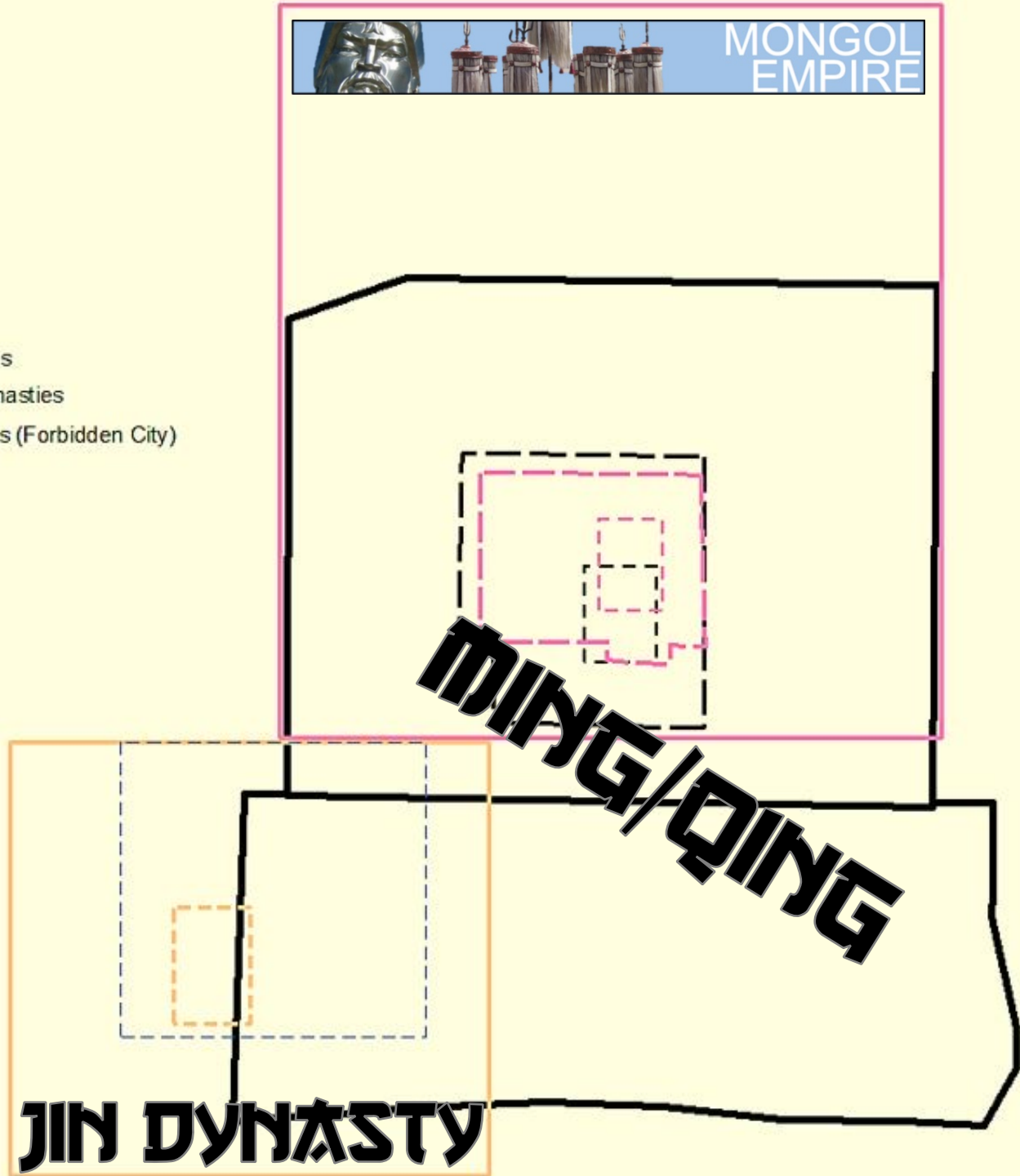
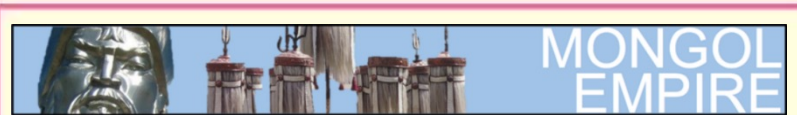
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# History of Beijing

- - - - - The Nanjing of Liao Dynasty
- — — — — Zhongdu of Jurchen Jin Dynasty
- - - - - Palace of Jurchen Jin Dynasty
- — — — — Dadu of Yuan Dynasty
- - - - - Imperial City of Yuan Dynasty
- - - - - Palace of Yuan Dynasty
- — — — — Beijing of Ming and Qing Dynasties
- - - - - Imperial City of Ming and Qing Dynasties
- - - - - Palace of Ming and Qing Dynasties (Forbidden City)



# FROM 1213-1214, THE MONGOLS BESIEGED XHONGDU...

“ (THE) MONGOLS COMPLETED THE FINAL ASSAULT THAT CAPTURED THE CITY VERY QUICKLY. THE SACK WAS TERRIBLE TO BEHOLD. FOR SEVERAL DAYS, MONGOLS SET LOOSE AND DEVASTATED THE CITY. AS MANY AS 60,000 GIRLS COMMITTED SUICIDE... CARAVANS WITH THOUSANDS OF CARTS CARRIED LOOT BACK TO MONGOLIA FOR WEEKS AND THE FIRES STARTED IN THE CITY LASTED FOR OVER A MONTH. THE MONGOLS LEFT WHEN THE STENCH OF DEAD BODIES BECAME TOO MUCH. (THE) JIN DYNASTY SENT ANOTHER RELIEF FORCE, WHICH WAS QUICKLY SLAUGHTERED. ALL OF NORTHERN CHINA WAS DEVASTATED. ENORMOUS TRACKS OF CROPLAND WERE DESTROYED, FLOODED, OR BURNED. HUNDREDS OF VILLAGES, TOWNS, AND CITIES WERE DESTROYED. MANY MORE WERE EMPTIED AS A RESULT OF THE DEADLY DISEASES THAT ACCOMPANIED SUCH DESTRUCTION. IN SOME CASES THE MONGOLS FORCED ENTIRE GROUPS TO LEAVE AN AREA AND JOIN THE MILLIONS OF NEWLY HOMELESS.”

*-BAHA AL-DIN, EMISSARY FOR THE  
KHWARIZMIAN SHAH TO XIONGDU  
(XIONGDU=DADU=BEIJING)*



BAHA AL-DIN REPORTED BACK TO THE KHWARIZMIAN SHAH THAT THE JIN CHINESE ARE THE MOST ADVANCED CIVILIZATION THEY'VE EVER SEEN...

BUT SOMEONE CAME THROUGH AND WIPED THEM OUT.



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# PHASE TWO THE ISLAMIC WORLD

## NEW NEIGHBORS:

### KARACHITAN EMPIRE

- ISLAMIC PEOPLE RULED BY INTOLERANT BUDDHIST (KUCHLUG)
- CASUS BELI:** KARACHITAN DID NOT HELP GK FIGHT THE JIN DYNASTY...
  - NOT HELPING=HURTING
  - GK FINDS OUT HOW MUCH THE MUSLIMS

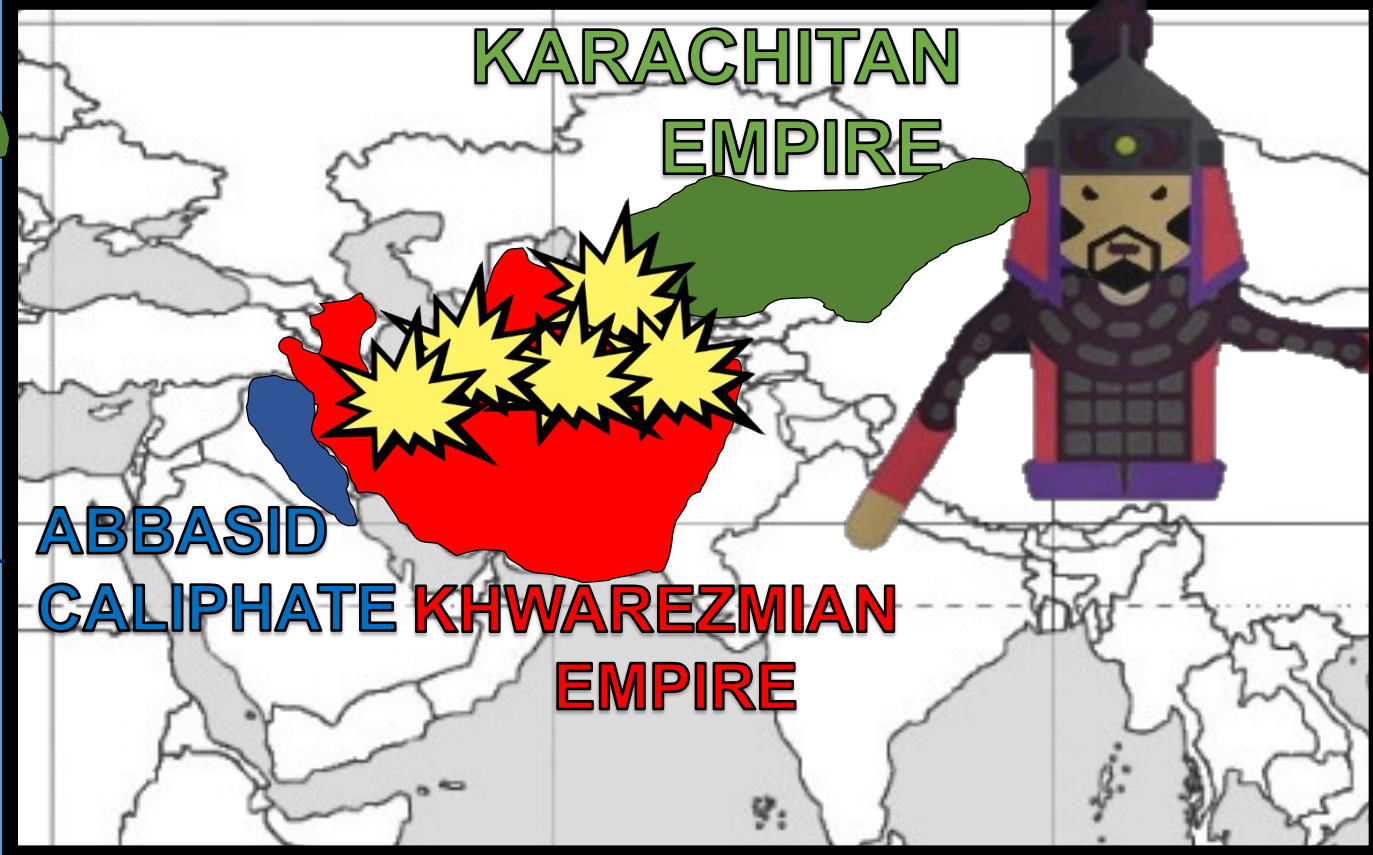
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←KUCHLUG

(INFORMATION MAY HAVE BEEN GK'S GREATEST WEAPON)



KUCHLUG



### KARACHITAN EMPIRE

### ABBASID CALIPHATE KHWAREZMIAN EMPIRE

GK USED THE MUSLIM POPULATION TO HELP KILL KUGHLUG

## NEW NEIGHBORS:



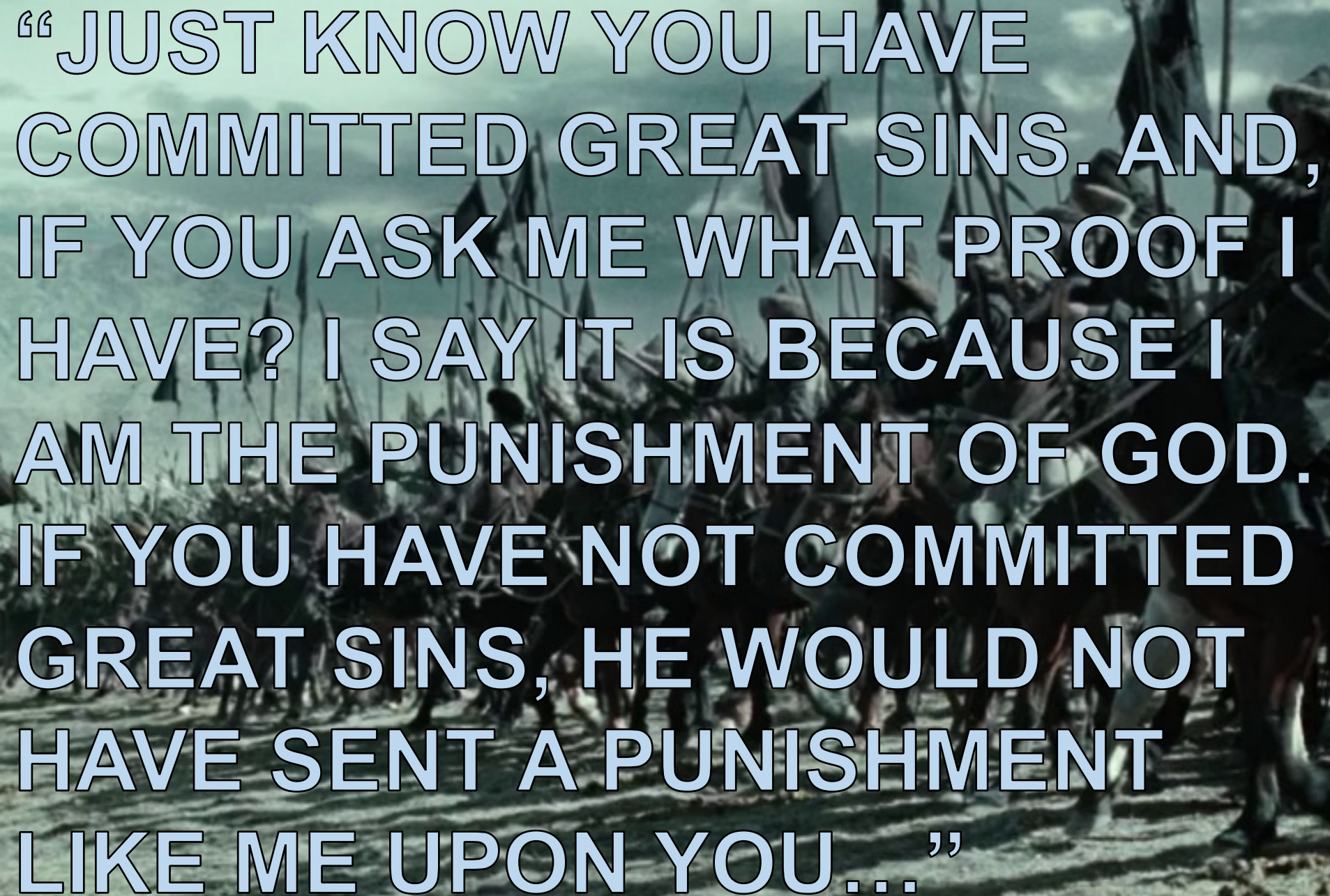
### KHWAREZMIAN EMPIRE

- GK SENDS TRADE EMISSARY
- KHW. SHAH=STEALS GOODS, KILLS THE MONGOL MERCHANTS
- KHW. SHAH= "2<sup>ND</sup> ALEXANDER" 400K!
- MONGOLS SWARM FROM 5 SIDES
- TRACKS SHAH THROUGH 5 CITIES...
  - OTRAR, BUKHARA, SAMARKAND, URGENCH, NISHAPUR (CAPITAL)
- KILL EVERYONE** IN THE CITY WALLS



AFTER REMOVING THOSE WHO COULD BENEFIT THEM, GENGHIS KHAN ASSEMBLED THE REST OF THE POPULATION INTO THE MAIN MOSQUE...

“JUST KNOW YOU HAVE COMMITTED GREAT SINS. AND, IF YOU ASK ME WHAT PROOF I HAVE? I SAY IT IS BECAUSE I AM THE PUNISHMENT OF GOD. IF YOU HAVE NOT COMMITTED GREAT SINS, HE WOULD NOT HAVE SENT A PUNISHMENT LIKE ME UPON YOU...”



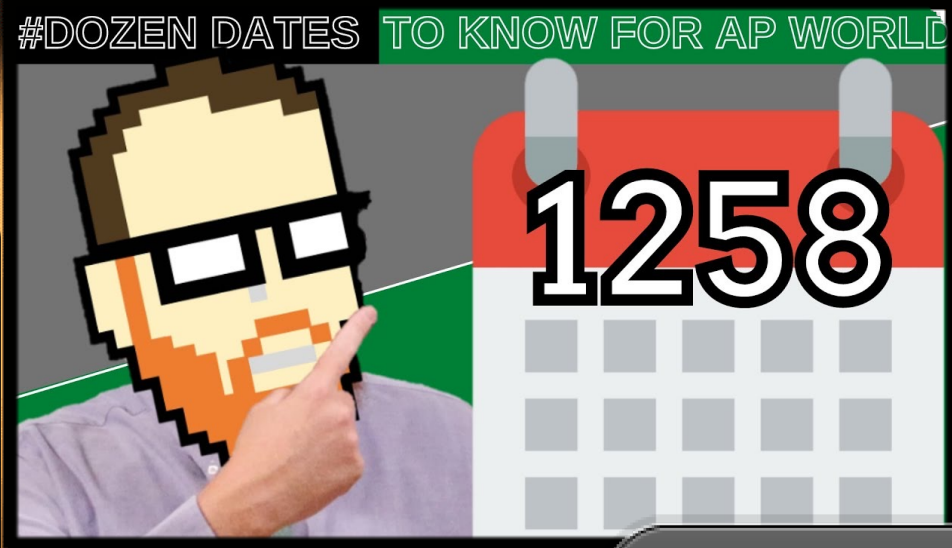
I'VE PROBABLY ONLY MENTIONED THIS 1,000,000 TIMES, BUT...

**I HAVE A  
YOUTUBE  
CHANNEL!**

**ILLUSTRATIVE  
EXAMPLES**



**THIS  
VIDEO  
MIGHT  
HELP  
HERE**





# PHASE THREE EUROPE



- KHWARIZMIAN SHAH FLED BURNING EVERYTHING BEHIND HIM (*SCORCHED EARTH*)
  - GK SENT TOP GENERAL SUBUTAI (BELOW) IN PURSUIT
  - DIES ON AN ISLAND IN THE CASPIAN SEA
- CHASE TAKES SUBUTAI INTO GEORGIA
- SUBUTAI GOES BACK TO GK WITH NEWS OF RICH PEOPLE TO NORTH
- GK SENDS SUB. BACK
- CONQUERS THEM



- GEORGIA FIGHT WITH KIPCHAK FIGHTERS
  - SIMILAR TO MONGOLS; NOT EQUALS
- GEORGIA LEADER WRITES LETTER TO THE POPE (GEORGIA CAN'T GO ON CRUSADE WITH THE POPE)
- MONGOLS FIGHT THROUGH KIPCHAK TERRITORY
- ARRIVE IN KIEVAN RUS
  - KIEVAN RUS THOUGHT THEY WERE KIPCHAK
  - KR KILL MONGOL EMISSARY
    - MONGOLS 50mi. FEIGNED RETREAT
    - LASTS 12 DAYS...
- YOU CAN PROBABLY GUESS HOW THIS TURNS OUT...

**SUBUTAI BAGHATUR**  
(1175-1248)  
AKA "The Valiant"

- WON 20 CAMPAIGNS
- 65 DIRECT BATTLES
- CONQUERED 32 NATIONS
- UNAPPRECIATED HISTORICALLY UNTIL 20<sup>TH</sup> CEN
- US (PATTON), NAZI (ROMMEL), & SOVIET GENERALS IN WWII DIRECTLY USED HIS TACTICS

**PRINCE OF KIEV LOCKED IN  
A BOX AND SUFFOCATED**

**10K RUSSIANS TIED UP AND  
STACKED LIKE CORDWOOD;  
THREW PARTY ON TOP OF  
THEM (CRUSHING THEM)**





**AND LIKE THAT...**

**THEY WERE GONE...**

**THE MISSION WAS OVER...**

**GENGHIS KHAN CALLED THEM BACK FOR A KURULTAI**

**LARGEST CAVALRY RIDE IN HISTORY... 5,500 mi. BACK TO MONGOLIA →**





# GENGHIS KHAN IN NOW 60+ YEARS OLD

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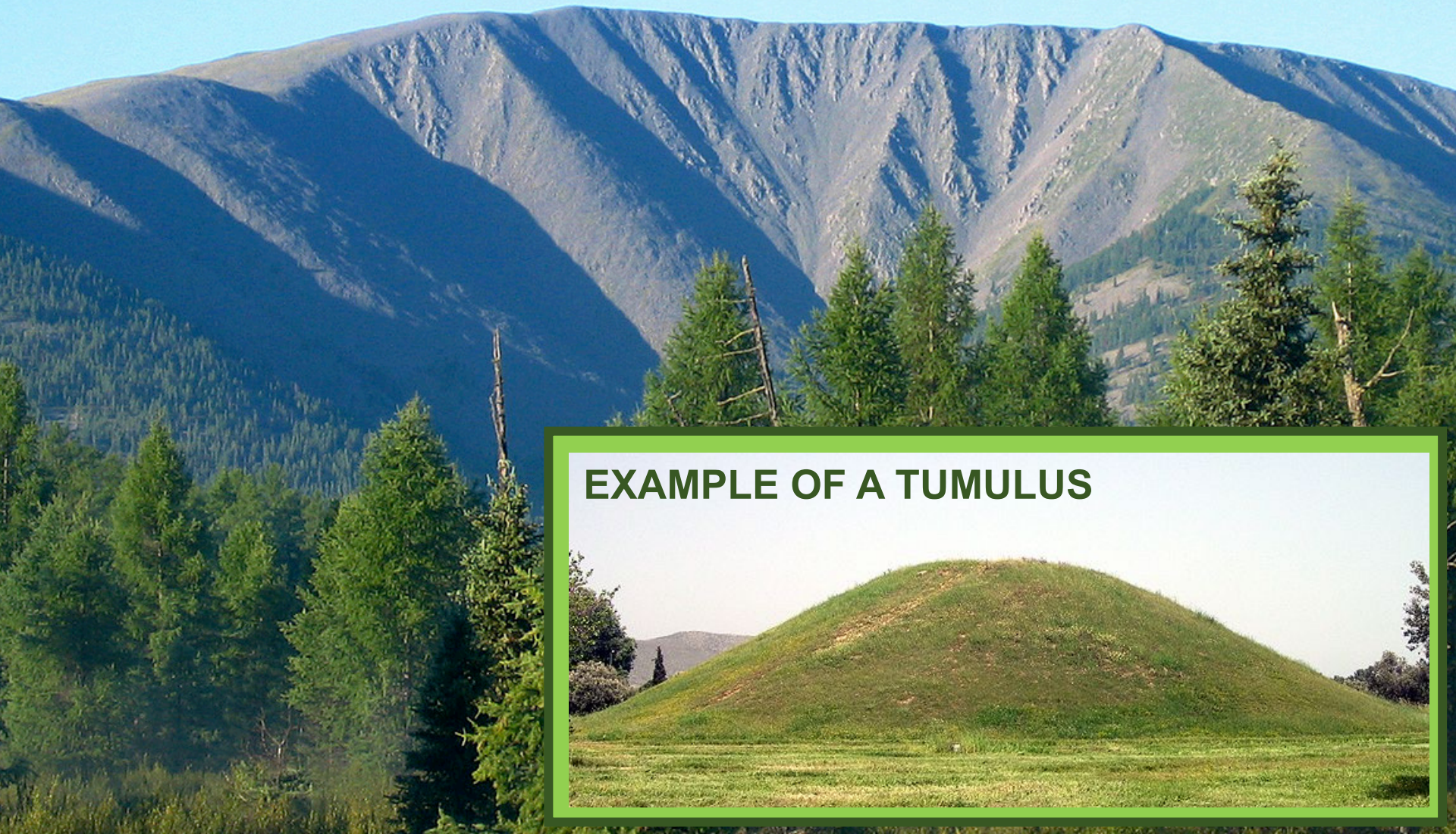
- STARTS MEETING WITH DIVERSE ADVISORS
  - CHRISTIAN, MUSLIM, CHINESE, DAOIST
  - LEARNED HOW TO ADMINISTER AN EMPIRE
- ← ADOPTED UYGHUR SCRIPT
  - AMAZED AT THE POWER OF WRITING
- AUGUST 18, 1227
- GENGHIS KHAN DIES
  - FELL OFF HORSE?
  - BATTLE WOUND?
- BODY RETURNED TO KHENTII AIMAG (MONG.)
  - FUNERAL ESCORT KILLED ANYTHING IN THEIR PATH







**THIS IS *BURKHAN KHALDUN*. IT IS A SACRED MOUNTAIN IN THE KHAN KHENTII STRICTLY PROTECTED AREA. THIS IS BELIEVED TO BE THE BIRTHPLACE OF GENGHIS KHAN. DR. ALBERT YU-MIN LIN ET AL'S WORK HAS ZEROED IN ON THIS AS THE SITE OF GENGHIS KHAN'S TOMB INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A TUMULUS FOUND IN 2016.**



**EXAMPLE OF A TUMULUS**





# MONGOL FAMILY TREE

 = GREAT KHAN



1162-1227



**BORTE**  
1161-1230



**JOCHI**

DIES 6 mos. BEFORE GK



**CHAGATAI**



**OGEDEI**

(1229-1241)



**TOLUI**



**BATU**

RULES THE GOLDEN HORDE



**GUYUK**

(1246-1248)



**HULEGU**



**MONGKE**

(1251-1259)



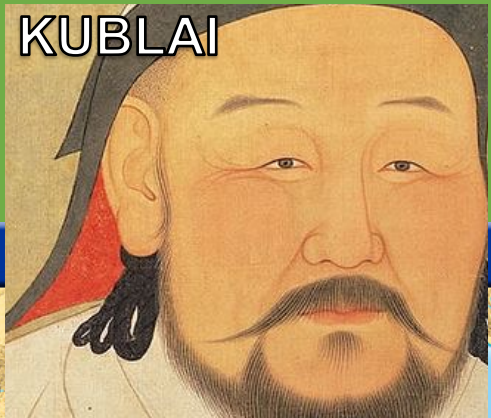
**KUBLAI**

(1260-1294)



# GOLDEN HORDE

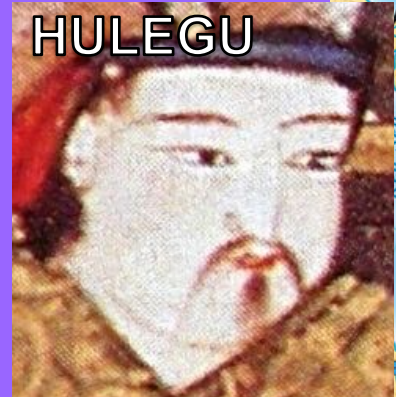
- OGEDEI SENDS 150k ARMY (LARGEST EVER)
- 7x SUBATAI'S INITIAL INVADING FORCE
- TAKE RUSSIA, HUNGARY... OGEDEI DIES



KUBLAI



BATU



HULEGU

Mongol Empire, A.D. 1294



- OGEDEI SENDS ARMY TO TAKE PERSIA... OGEDEI DIES
  - MONGKE SENDS HULEGU LATER... DESTROY BAGHDAD (1258)
- ILKHANATE**

CHAGATAI



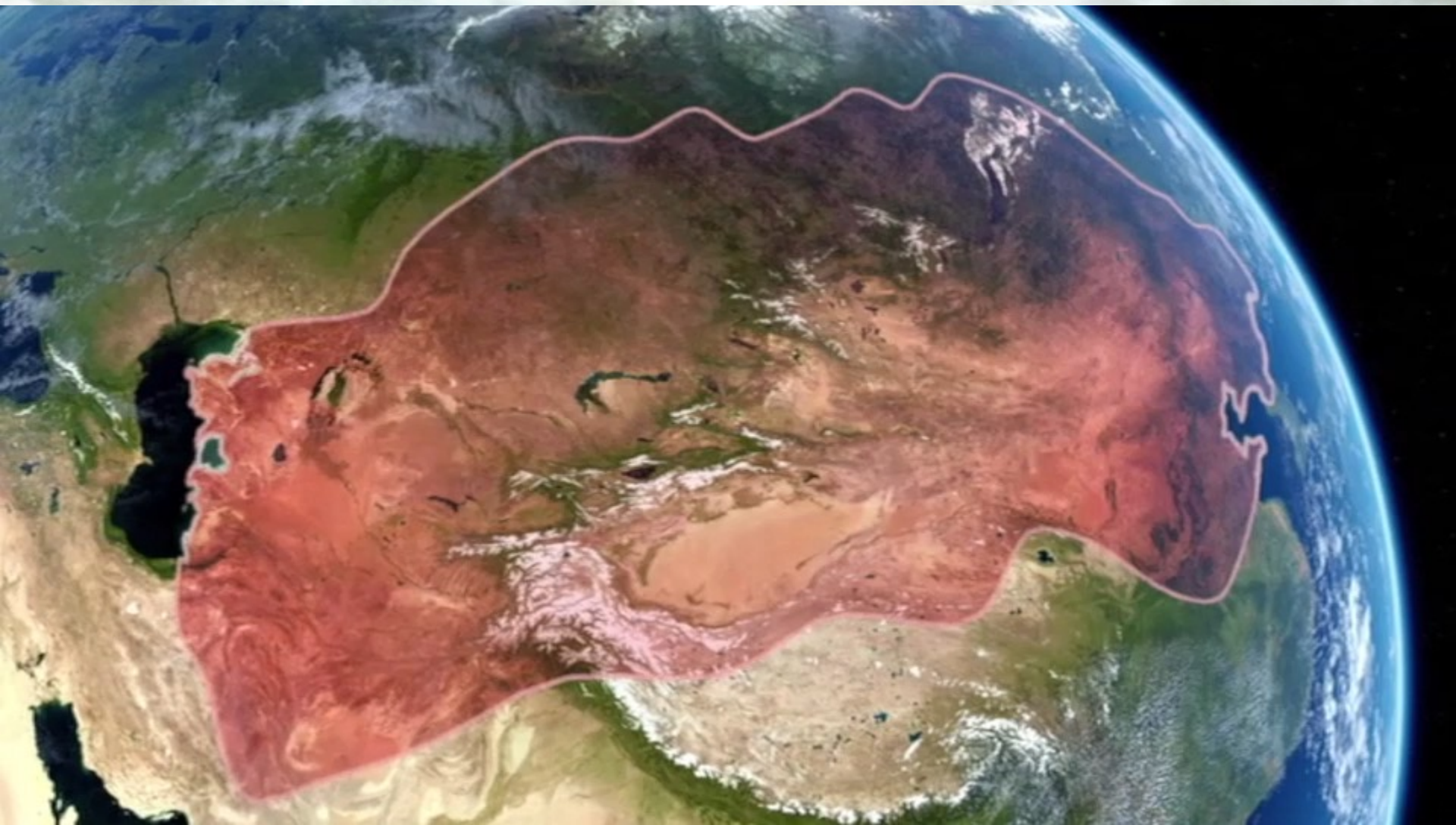
LASTED FROM 1220s-1680s

**YUAN DYNASTY**



# MANKIND

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IT WASN'T A COMPLETE GENOCIDE OF HUMANITY. THERE WERE SOME POSITIVES. HERE ARE SOME OF THE GOOD THAT MONGOL RULE BROUGHT.

# THE GOOD

# PAX MONGOLICA

IT WAS SAID THAT “A MAIDEN BEARING A NUGGET OF GOLD ON HER HEAD COULD WANDER SAFELY THROUGH THE REALM”

- “MONGOL PEACE”
- THE ENTIRE SILK ROAD CAME UNDER THE RULE OF THE MONGOLS
- LED TO GROWTH AND EXPANSION IN TRADE FROM BRITAIN TO CHINA
  - REMOVED NUMBER OF TRIBUTES PAID
- TRADE CITIES GREW
- IDEAS TRADED AS WELL:
  - W←E: GUNPOWDER, PAPER \$, PRINTING, BLACK DEATH
  - W→E: ALGEBRA, ASTRONOM.



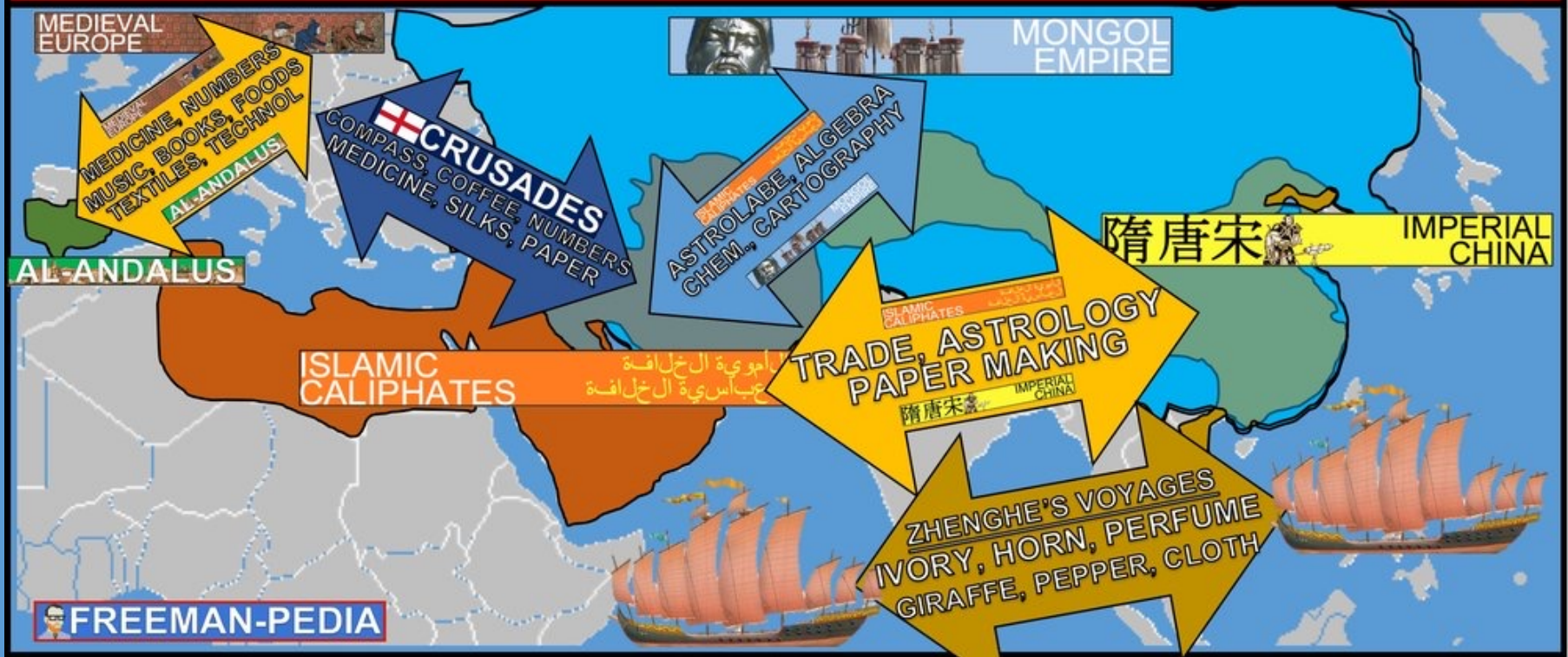


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# THE GOOD

# PAX MONGOLICA

A. TECHNOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL TRANSFERS WERE TAKING PLACE:



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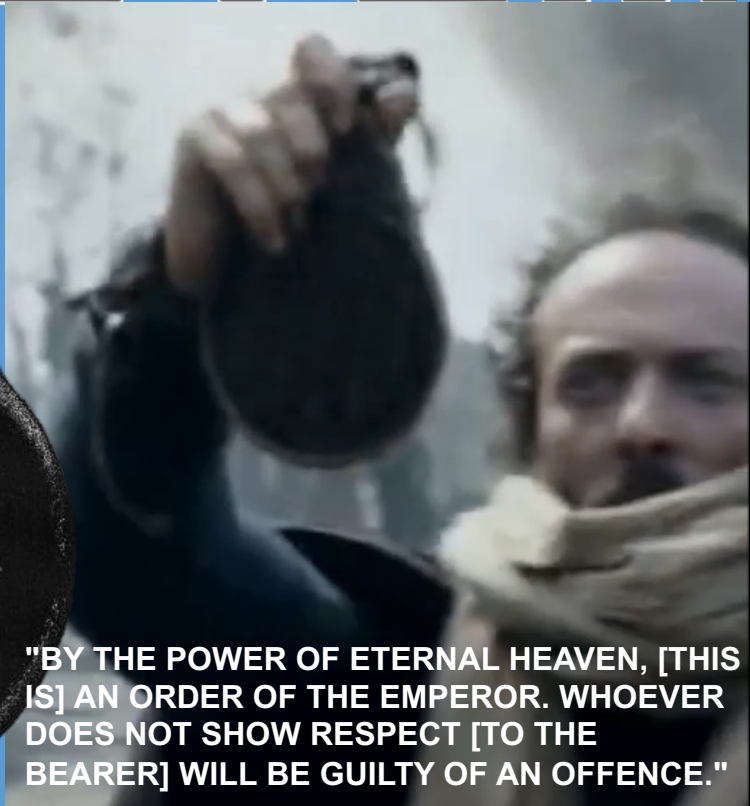
# THE GOOD

# YAM SYSTEM

- (CHECKPOINT IN MONGOLIAN)
- SUPPLY/MESSENGER TRADE SYSTEM
- ESTABLISHED RELAY STATIONS
  - 14-40 MILES APART
  - INFO COULD TRAVEL 300km/DAY
- MESSENGERS & STATION OPERATORS ENJOYED SPECIAL PRIVILEGES IN THE EMPIRE
- YAM BUSINESS TOOK PRECEDENT OVER ALL ELSE

## PAIZA

- TABLET THAT CERTIFIED CERTAIN PRIVILEGES
- INITIALLY ABUSED BY NOBILITY (CORRUPTION)
- FREE RATIONS AT STATIONS
- KK GAVE MARCO A GOLDEN ONE



"BY THE POWER OF ETERNAL HEAVEN, [THIS IS] AN ORDER OF THE EMPEROR. WHOEVER DOES NOT SHOW RESPECT [TO THE BEARER] WILL BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE."



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# THE GOOD

## YASSA

- TO SET IN ORDER IN MONGOLIAN
- KEPT SECRET & NEVER MADE PUBLIC
  - NO FULL WRITTEN COPY HAS EVER BEEN FOUND
  - DESCRIPTIONS FROM THOSE INVOLVED (IBN BATTUTA, ET AL)
- ORIGINATED AS DECREES ISSUED DURING WARTIME
  - LATER BECAME LAW CODE
- OVERSEEN BY THE TOP JUDGE OF MONGOL EMPIRE: SHIKHIKHUTUG (BORTE'S BRO)
- CHAGATAI OVERSAW EXECUTION OF THESE LAWS
- THREE GOALS:
  - 1. OBEDIENCE TO THE GREAT KHAN
  - 2. BIND TOGETHER NOMADIC CLANS
  - 3. MERCILESS PUNISHMENT OF WRONGDOING

CONJECTURAL LIST COMPILED FROM PERSIAN, ARAB, ITALIAN, FLEMISH SOURCES:

1. ONE GOD... WORSHIP HIM IN ANY WAY SUITABLE
2. ALL RELIGIONS MUST BE RESPECTED
3. LEADERS OF RELIGION, LAWYERS, PHYSICIANS, SCHOLARS (TEACHERS), REACHERS, MONKS, MORTICIANS ARE FREE FROM PUBLIC CHARGES.
8. SOLDIERS CANNOT PILLAGE UNTIL C.O. TELLS THEM TO (AFTER GIVING THE KHAN'S SHARE)
11. TO KILL AN ANIMAL FOR FOOD, YOU HAVE TO CUT ITS STOMACH AND RIP OUT ITS BEATING HEART AND SQUEEZE IT UNTIL IT STOPS.
13. IF YOU DON'T GO TO WAR; YOU MUST WORK FOR THE EMPIRE IN SOME MANNER
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# **THE GOOD**

## **RANK YOUR TOP 3 LAWS**

**1.** \_\_\_\_\_

**2.** \_\_\_\_\_

**3.** \_\_\_\_\_

CONJECTURAL LIST COMPILED FROM PERSIAN, ARAB, ITALIAN, FLEMISH SOURCES:

1. ONE GOD... WORSHIP HIM IN ANY WAY SUITABLE
2. ALL RELIGIONS MUST BE RESPECTED
3. LEADERS OF RELIGION, LAWYERS, PHYSICIANS, SCHOLARS (TEACHERS), REACHERS, MONKS, MORTICIANS ARE FREE FROM PUBLIC CHARGES.
8. SOLDIERS CANNOT PILLAGE UNTIL C.O. TELLS THEM TO (AFTER GIVING THE KHAN'S SHARE)
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## AREAS WHERE WOMEN EXERCISED MORE POWER AND INFLUENCE:




### MONGOLS

WOMEN MOVED ABOUT FREELY AND REFUSED THE BURQA FROM THE WEST AND FOOTBINDING TO THE EAST. WOMEN WERE OFTEN TOP ADVISORS TO THE GREAT KHAN, INCLUDING A 5 YEAR SPAN WHERE TOROGENE, GENGHIS' DAUGHTER-IN-LAW RULED THE EMPIRE.



### W. AFRICA

THE MOST PROLIFIC TRAVELLER OF THIS PERIOD IBN BATTUTA WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO GO TO WEST AFRICA, COME BACK, AND WRITE ABOUT IT. HE NOTED, "THE WOMEN ARE EXTREMELY BEAUTIFUL AND MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE MEN."  FREEMAN-PEDIA



### JAPAN

ALTHOUGH OFTEN ISOLATED DURING THE HEIAN PERIOD (794-1185CE), LADY MURASAKI TAUGHT HERSELF TO WRITE & WROTE EARTH'S 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEL, *TALE OF THE GENJI*. IN FEUDAL KAMAKURA (1185-1333 CE) RESTRICTIONS WERE LIFTED; SOME WOMEN EVEN BECAME SAMURAI!



### S.E. ASIA











WOMEN IN S.E. ASIA HAVE TRADITIONALLY HAD MORE FREEDOMS AS THEIR WORK WAS AGRICULTURAL, THEY CONTROLLED THE MARKETS, THERE WAS NO FINANCIAL BURDEN DUE TO BRIDEPRICE AND MEN MOVED IN WITH/NEAR THE WIFE'S FAMILY.

NETFLIX ORIGINAL  
MARCO





# YUAN DYNASTY

-  Mongolia
-  China
-  Hong Kong
-  Macau
-  India
-  North Korea
-  South Korea
-  Laos
-  Myanmar
-  Russia



BESIDES THE QIN & SUI, THIS IS THE SHORTEST DYNASTY. SO, THERE IS REALLY ONLY ONE MAN TO KNOW... →

**"THE GREAT KHAN IS THE MIGHTIEST MAN, WHETHER IN RESPECTS OF SUBJECTS OR OF TERRITORY OR OF TREASURE."** -MARCO POLO

- QUICK CHRONOLOGY:**
- GK DIES, OK TAKES OVER
  - OK DIES MONGKE...
  - MONGKE=KK'S BROTHER
  - SINIFIED=BECAME CHINESE
  - NAME=YUAN DYNASTY
  - KK'S NAME= ZHONGTONG
  - CAPITAL=DADU (BEIJING)
  - REBUILD GRAND CANAL
    - EXTEND TO BEIJING
  - CIV. SER. EXAM RETURNS
  - MONGOL POLICIES TOO!
  - YAM POSTAL SYSTEM
  - EMPIRE EXPANSION
    - (JAPAN=FAIL)
  - DIVERSE EMPLOYEES →
  - PAX MONGOLICA
  - MARCO POLO!

- OUTSIDERS WOULD THINK THEY WERE CHINESE
- USED UYGHUR SCRIPT
- CH SEE MONGOLS COLONIZERS
- REBELLIONS START A GENERATION AFTER →

MONGOL SEMU CLASS SYSTEM



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS



BOMBS (vs. JAPAN)



DOMINOS



HAND CANNON



TEAPOT

KUBLAI KHAN

1271-1368



NETFLIX ORIGINAL  
MARCO  
POLLO





# MARCO POLO

- DICTATED HIS BOOK, BOOK OF THE MARVELS OF THE WORLD TO HIS CELLMATE WHILE IN PRISON c. 1300
- NOT 1<sup>ST</sup> EURO TO CHINA BUT THE 1<sup>ST</sup> TO LEAVE A DETAILED ACCOUNT
- INSPIRED COLUMBUS, CARTOGRAPHERS INCLUDING THE *FRA MAURO MAP* (NEXT UNIT)...

## CRITICISMS OF THE TRAVELS OF MARCO POLO

- POSSIBLY BASED ON HEARSAY...
- MAYBE BASED ON PERSIAN SOURCES (USES PERSIAN SLANG)
- NOTHING UNIQUE IN *TRAVELS* THAT IS NOT IN PERSIAN SOURCES

## SUPPORT OF THE TRAVELS OF MARCO POLO

- IBN BATTUTA NOTED THAT NO ONE KNEW OF THE GREAT WALL IN CHINA
  - MP'S ACCOUNT=MOST EXTENSIVE/ACCURATE
  - NO OTHER FOREIGNERS MENTIONED
- FOOTBINDING (POLO NOTED "DAINTY WALK")

## MARCO MENTIONS:

- PAPER MONEY
- BURNING COAL
- KUBLAI KHAN

## MARCO OMITTS:

- GREAT WALL, TEA
- CHOPSTICKS
- FOOTBINDING

