



The Mongols



AP World History

Eurasia in 1200 CE



Focus Questions



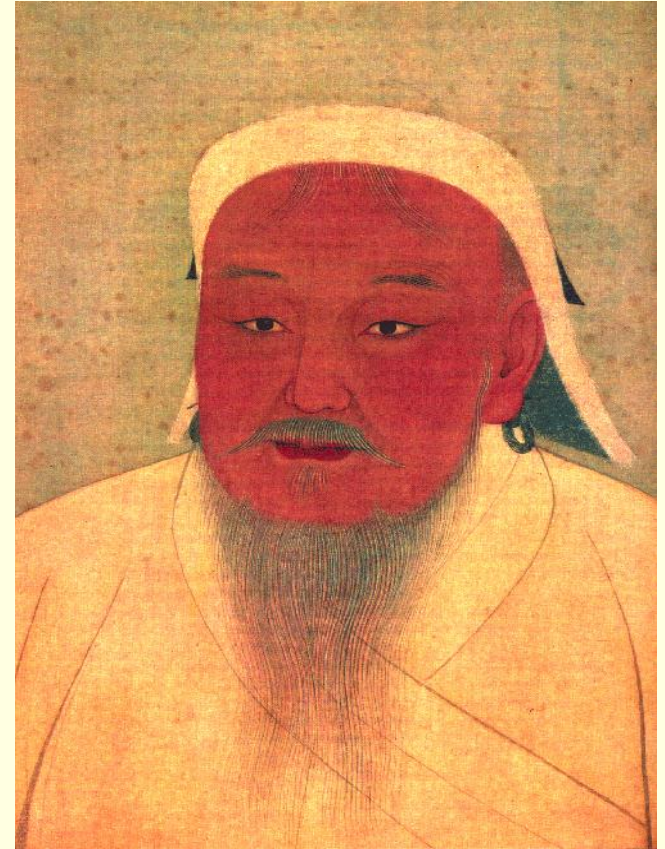
In which ways were the Mongols a typical pastoral society?



How did Genghis Khan create a massive land empire before his death in 1227?

Genghis Khan

- Genghis Khan
 - Unified Mongol tribes in 1206
- Mongol Policies
 - Created uniform legal code
 - Reorganized the military
 - Broke up tribal affiliations
 - Officials chosen based on talent



Conquests of Genghis Khan



Mongols at battle with the Jin

- Conquered northern China by 1220
 - Song dynasty still ruled southern China
 - Made examples of towns that resisted
 - Later towns simply surrendered
- Mongols conquered Persia in 1221
- Genghis Khan died in 1227

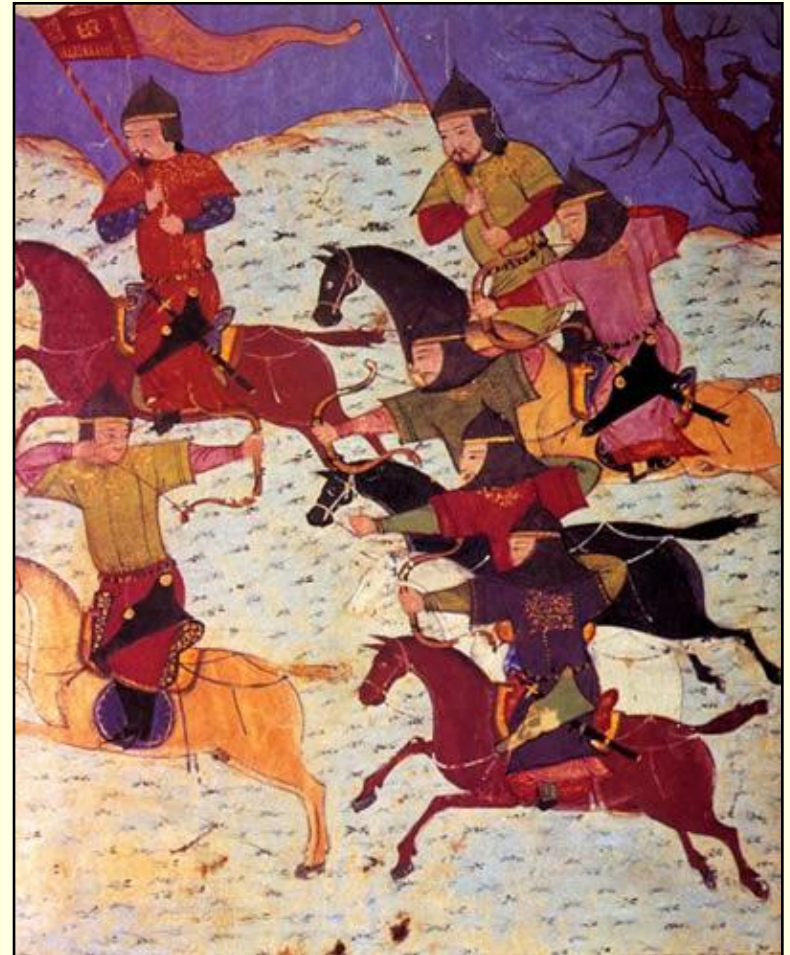
1200 C.E.

1227 C.E.-Mongols



Mongol War Machine

- Mongol warriors
 - Excellent horsemen & archers
- Mongol armies
 - Entirely cavalry; depended on speed
 - Able to cover vast distances in one day
 - Well-organized & disciplined
 - *Tumens* contained 10,000 men

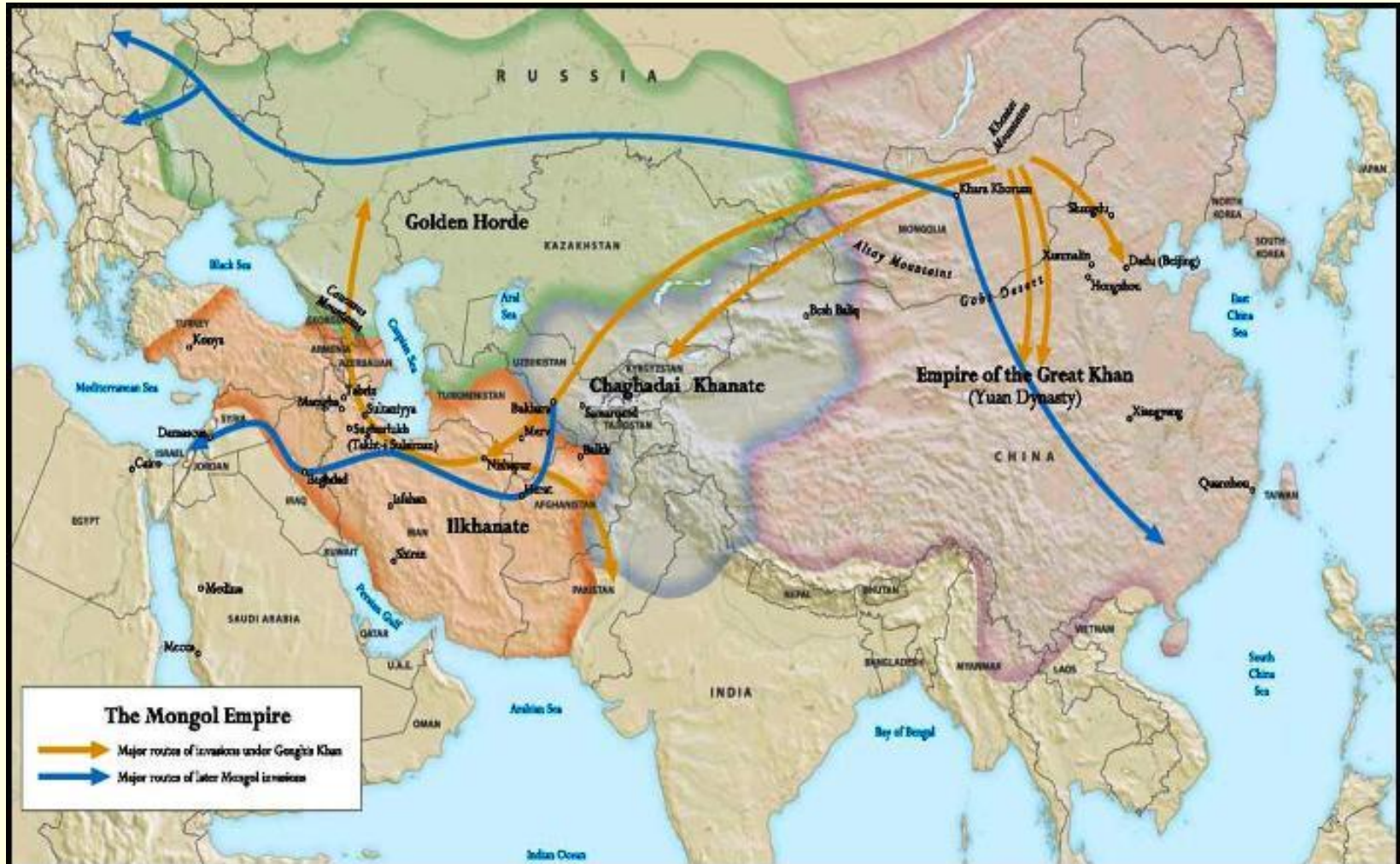


Conquest after Genghis Khan



- Ogedei, son of Genghis Khan conquered Russia in 1240
- Defeat the Seljuk Turks in 1253
 - Led to rise of the Ottomans
- Conquered the Abbasid Caliphate in 1258
- Defeated by Delhi Sultanate in India & the Mamlukes in Egypt

Mongol Empire after 1227



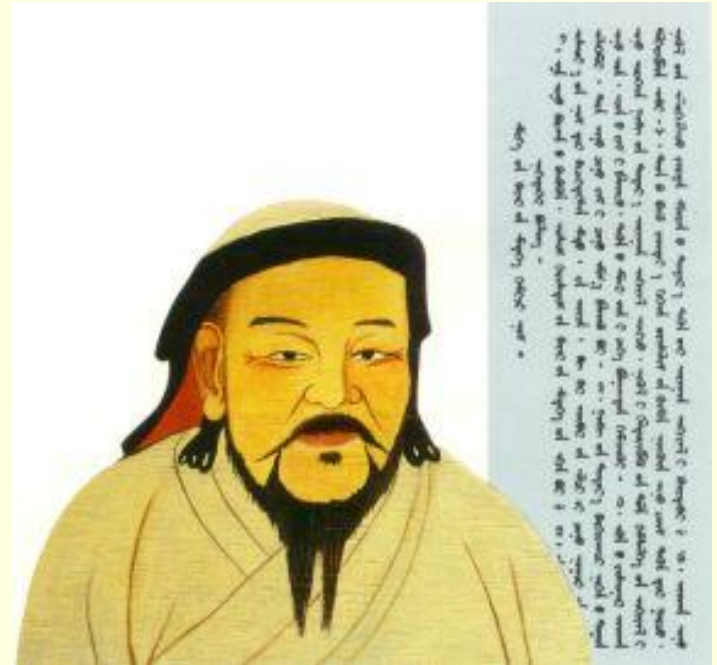
The Mongol Empire



- Mongol rule was generally tolerant
 - Religious toleration
 - Administrators drawn from Islamic and Chinese worlds
 - Intellectuals taken from conquered kingdoms
- Trade and cultural exchange flourished
 - Pax Mongolica
 - Protect merchants

Yuan Dynasty

- Kublai Khan finished conquering the Song dynasty in 1276
 - Launched two failed invasions of Japan – “Divine Wind” (Kamikaze)
- New Social Hierarchy
 - Mongols; foreigners; northern Chinese; Southern Chinese
- Ended exam system
- Favored merchants & peasants over elites



Mongol Impact on Southwest Asia

- Destroyed numerous cities
 - Captured Baghdad in 1258
- Destroyed agricultural lands & irrigation systems
- Converted to Islam in 1295

Russia Under the Mongols

- Ruled by the Khanate of the Golden Horde
- Russian princes forced to pay tribute
 - Princes raise taxes on peasants
 - Peasants reduced to serfdom
- Cut Russia off from Western Europe
 - Renaissance has minimal influence on Russia

Mongol Impact on Europe

- Europeans altered military organization
- Mongol conquests facilitated trade across the steppes
 - Introduce gunpowder, printing press, & naval technology
- Mongols may have spread Bubonic Plague



Marco Polo

Decline of the Mongols

- Mongols too few in number, settled populations massive
- Any interaction resulted in acculturation
- Mongol rule resented by conquered populations
- Settled populations began to use firearms