

## Mongol WebQuest

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**Part I: Map** Click on [The Mongols in World History](#) then “Maps”. Color and label the map below.

Click on the map of the “The Mongol Empire in 1227 (at the death of Genghis Khan)”.

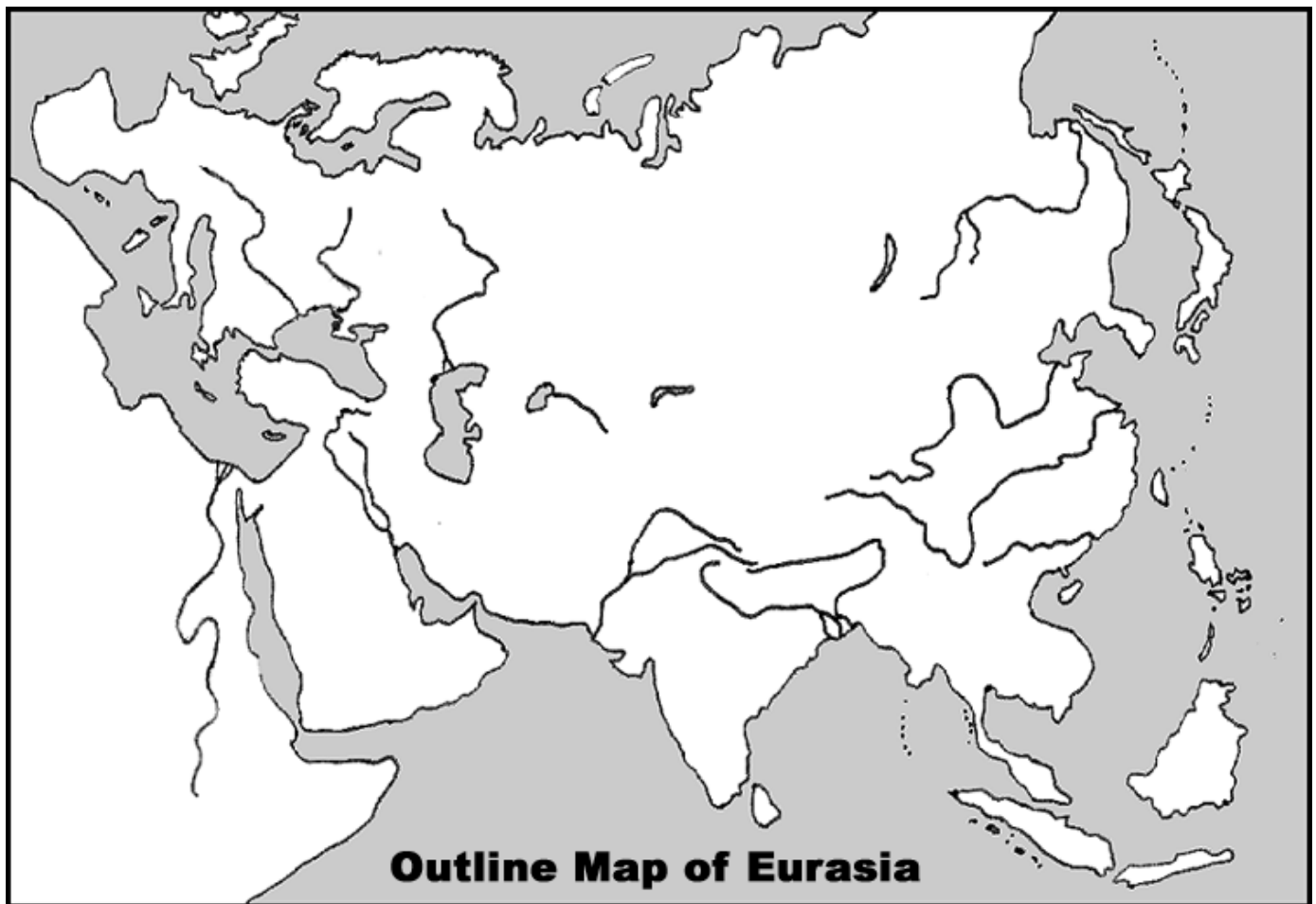
a. Label the following:

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|---------------|--------------------|----------|---------|
| • Black Sea   | • Karakorum (city) | • Russia | • Japan |
| • Gobi Desert | • Persia           | • China  | • Korea |

b. SHADE Genghis’s homeland (in modern Mongolia) in ORANGE

Click on the map of the “Mongol Empire in Four Sectors”. Label and SHADE each of the four Khanates (regions) of the Mongol Empire at its largest in the following colors:

Ilkhanate – **GREEN**    Golden Horde – **YELLOW**    Chaghadai Khanate – **BLUE**    Empire of the Great Khan – **PURPLE**



**Part II: The Mongols in World History** Answer the questions below at [The Mongols in World History](#).

### The Mongols’ Mark on Global History

1. Explain “barbarian stereotype.” Why was this stereotype acceptable to most Westerners.

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2. List the major positive contributions of the Mongols during their rule.

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3. What was the Mongol's attitude toward foreigners? What were the main consequences of this attitude?
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4. Describe the European contacts with the Mongols and the main goals of their direct communication. (found on 2 pages)
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5. How the Mongols take to facilitate trade throughout their domains? Explain "Pax Mongolica." (found on 2 pages)
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6. Describe the Mongols' attitude toward artisans?
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7. How did the Mongols treat the followers of other religions? List the benefits of this treatment to the Mongols.
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### **The Mongol Conquests**

8. What were the main factors that led to the Mongol conquests? Explain.
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9. What did Chinggis Khan do to break up tribal identities of the Mongols? Why did he do that?
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10. What three factors made the Mongols such a feared military force?
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11. What were the three major invasions personally led by Chinggis Khan? (Maps would be helpful here.)
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12. What territories were conquered by the Mongols after Chinggis Khan's death? (Maps might be helpful.)
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13. Other than military advantages, why were the Mongols so successful at conquering such an extensive territory?
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14. What were the major reasons for the decline and fall of the Mongolian domination?
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### **The Mongols in China**

15. How did the influences of the Mongols' conquest and rule effect China?
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16. What policies under Kubilai Khan "helped the Chinese economy, as well as social and political life ..."?
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17. Summarize Mongol successes in their dealings with the Chinese peasants. What Mongol policy was met with animosity by the Chinese peasants? Explain.
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18. What were the privileges enjoyed by artisans during the Mongol rule? How was the Mongol view of the artisan labor different from the traditional Chinese perspective?
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19. Why and how did the Mongol's perception of merchants differ from the traditional Chinese view? What did the Mongols do to promote trade? (Click on the also see link on the page.)
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20. How did the Mongolian legal code introduced in China during the Yuan Dynasty differ from the Great Code ("Jasagh") of the Mongols?
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21. Summarize major highlights of Marco Polo's account of Cambaluc (Daidu/Beijing) – see links to the accounts on the page.
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22. What was the attitude of the Mongol rulers toward various religions? Provide specific examples.
- **Islam-**
  - **Buddhism-**
  - **Nestorian Christianity-**
  - **Daoism-**
23. Analyze cultural impact of the Mongol rule in China.
- **Written Language-**
  - **Theater-**
  - **Painting-**
  - **Mongol Rituals-**
24. Describe public work failures of the Mongols, and how these failures contributed to the ultimate collapse of the Mongol power in China.
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### Key Figures in Mongol History

25. Describe the early life of Chinggis (Genghis) Khan.
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26. Why do some experts consider the unification of Mongolians as the most important accomplishment of Chinggis Khan? What steps did he take to achieve that?
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27. List the 4 ways Chinggis/Genghis Khan legacies shaped his empire.

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- b. .
- c. .
- d. .

28. What are some of the myths and legends that surround the life and death of Chinggis Khan?

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29. Summarize major accomplishments of Ogodei and Khubilai Khan. How were they related to Chinggis Khan?

- **Ogodei-**
- **Khubilai Khan-**

### **The Pastoral – Nomadic Life**

30. Describe pastoral – nomadic lifestyle and its hardships.

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31. Why were sheep so important for a Mongol family? Whose was responsible for maintaining the sheep?

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32. What was the significance of goats for the Mongols? Why did the Mongols keep fewer goats than sheep?

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33. What is meant by the “survival of the flocks?”

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34. How did the Mongols use yaks, oxen, and camels?

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35. What qualities and products from horses were valued by the Mongols? Explain.

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36. How did the dwelling of the Mongols reflect their lifestyle?

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#### **Helpful Links:**

[The Mongol Empire - All Empires](#)

[Modern Mongolia: Reclaiming Genghis Khan](#)

[Ancient China: The Mongolian Empire](#)

[The Land of Genghis Khan](#)

[The Legacy of Genghis Khan \(The Met\)](#)

[Mongol Daily Life \(Mr. Donn\)](#)

[Mongolia's marauding son gets a makeover](#)