

Aim: How did the Mongol Empire expand and decline?

Notes

### I. Mongol Conquests

1. Kublai Khan created Yuan Dynasty
2. Mongols best jobs in gov't, army
3. Invited Marco Polo to palace in 1250s
4. Attempted to conquer Japan in 1274 and 1281
5. Was unable to do so because of kamikaze: divine wind
6. United China and controlled Korea
7. Mongols rule Russia for 250yrs
8. 1240-1242 the Golden Horde (Russia) attacked Eastern Europe
9. Mongols also conquered Tibet, Middle East, Turkey, Persia, and Syria
10. They also destroyed the Abbasids

### II. Pax Mongolia

1. 1250s-1350s
2. Increase in trade on Silk Roads
3. Religion spread by missionaries, Ibn Battuta Muslim traveler
4. Peace and stability throughout empire
5. Paper Money
6. Cultural advancements technology, goods and ideas

### III. Fall of the Mongols

- The empire was over-extended
- Civil wars and corruption
- The Black Plague weakened the empire
- weakened by the death of Kublai Khan
- Resentment of Mongol tribute system caused problems in China and Russia
- Ended in 1369