

Aim: What impact did the Mongols have on the world?

Notes

I. Rise of the Mongols

- a) Nomads from Northern China
- b) Superb horsemen and archers
- c) For centuries they were isolated
- d) Men ruled the tribes

II. Mongols Expand

- a) 1206 Temujin becomes Genghis Khan or universal ruler
- b) ruled from 1206 until 1227 his death
- c) Great military strategist
- d) Organized military units called tuman (10000 soldiers)
- e) Unified tribes, Russia and China
- f) Started Mongol invasion of China

III. Mongol Conquests

- a) Split groups into hordes (khanates) individual provinces
- b) 4 hordes
- c) China- Kublai Khan
- d) Central Asia/ Persia
- e) Russia: the Golden Horde
- f) The largest empire in world history

IV. Mongol War Machine

- a) Weapons: lances, hatchets, short bows, gun powder
- b) Excellent archers
- c) Rapid movement 80-90 miles a day
- d) Strike in surprise, retreat and hide
- e) Tuman- 10,000 soldiers broken up in tens
- f) Demanded tribute from the conquered (one-tenth of everything even people)

V. Mongol Culture

- a) Ruthless and illiterate
- b) Granted religious toleration
- c) The Mongols had no unique cultural achievements
- d) Assimilated other cultures
- e) Borrowed ideas from other conquered cultures