

The Mongols – DOCUMENT BASED QUESTION (DBQ)

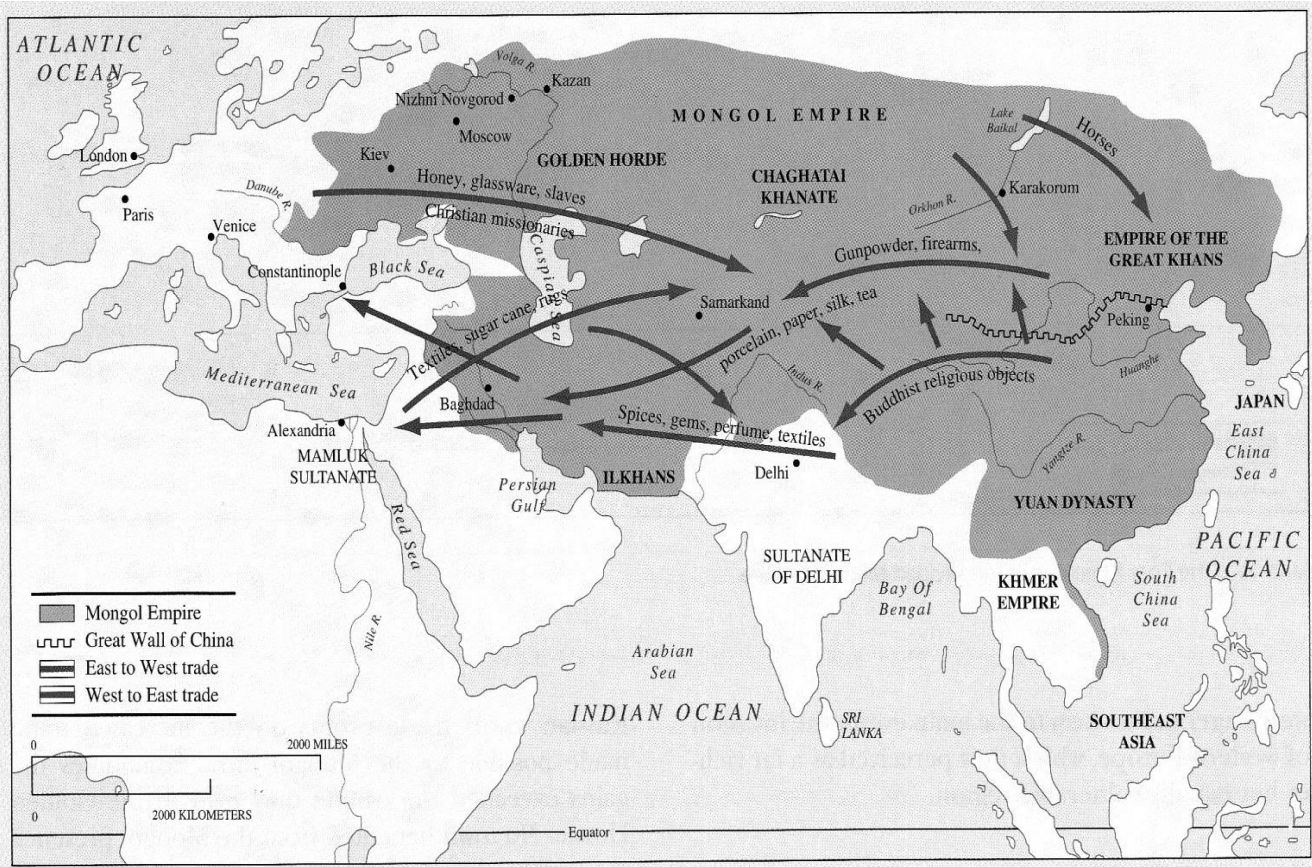
Historic Context:

In the 1200's, powerful Mongol armies conquered China, much of Asia and parts of Europe. The lands taken under the fierce control of Genghis Khan later enjoyed peace, order and prosperity under his sons and grandsons rule.

Part A – Document Analysis

Task: Analyze each document by answering the questions that follow. Use a highlighter to identify titles, main ideas, key information and important vocabulary.

Document 1



1 Name a Russian city that was under the control of the Mongol Empire?

2 Describe the Mongol Empire.

3 Why was the size of the empire so important to the Mongol Empire? (Hint – think about all they controlled?)

Document 2

Genghis Khan's Tax Laws

- If you do not pay homage, we will take your prosperity.
- If you do not have prosperity, we will take your children.
- If you do not have children, we will take your wife.
- If you do not have a wife, we will take your head.

1 Explain Genghis Khan's tax laws ?

2 How did the tax laws control the people the Mongols conquered – politically, economically and socially?

Document 3



“They keep hovering about the enemy, discharging their arrows first from one side and then from the other...their horses are so well broken-in to quick changes of movement...”
(Marco Polo, Italian Merchant)

1 What does the picture and the caption explain about Mongol warriors?

2 How important was the horse and the warrior to the Mongol Empire?

Document 4

“In the countries that have not yet been overrun by them, everyone spends the night afraid that they may appear there too.” (Arab historian)

1 Who is the speaker in Document 4?

2 What is the point of view of the speaker in Document 4?

3 Why would countries not overrun by the Mongols be afraid that they would be attacked?

Document 5

During the 1200’s to 1300’s, the sons and grandsons of Genghis Khan established peace and order called the ***Pax Mongolica***.

“People enjoyed such peace that a man might have journeyed from the land of sunrise to the land of sunset with a golden platter upon his head without suffering the least violence from anyone.”

1 What is the Pax Mongolica?

2 How is the rule under Genghis Khan different from the rule of his sons and grandsons – politically, economically and socially?

Part B – Writing

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Task: Use the answers from the documents analyzed and your knowledge of these topics to answer the prompt below. Students must use 4 documents in the paragraph response.

Analyze the methods of Mongol control and the impact of Mongol rule politically, economically and socially from Asia to Europe.

Guidelines for your Writing:

Pre-Write

Step1 – Use the attached chart for organizing your ideas and information from any 3 documents studied.

Document _____	Document _____	Document _____
Method of control:	Method of control:	Method of control:
Political impact:	Political impact:	Political impact:
Economic impact:	Economic impact:	Economic impact:
Social impact:	Social impact:	Social impact:

Paragraph(s)

Step 1 – Restate the writing prompt into a thesis. Use the thesis as the first sentence in your paragraph.

Step 2 – Use the information from the chart to develop your essay response. Follow the Social Studies Writing Rules when writing your paragraphs: Intro, 1st body=Document 1, 2nd body=Document 2, 3rd body=Document 3, Conclusion.