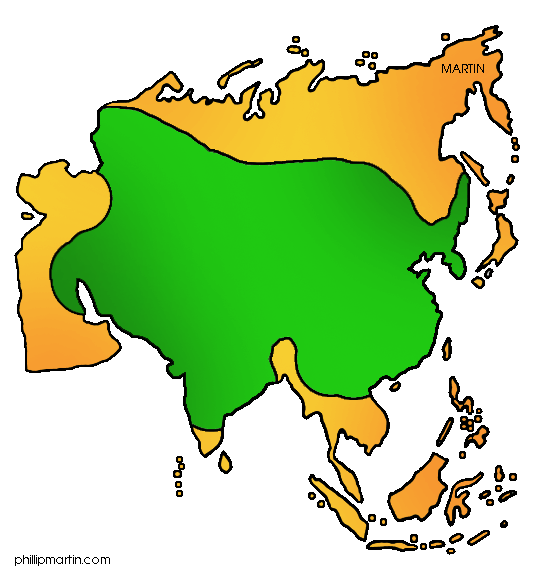
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**Preview: How did the Mongols create an empire?**



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| ***List the most important factors in conquering and creating a successful empire.*** |

**First Response: Were the Mongols villains or cultural brokers?**

According to the Persian historian Juvaini:

In the Muslim countries devastated by Chinggis Khan, not one in a thousand of the inhabitants survived.

According to the Muslim chronicler Ghazi:

Under the reign of Chinggis Khan, all the countries . . . enjoyed such peace that a man might have journeyed from the land of the sunrise to the land of sunset with a golden platter upon his head without suffering the least violence from anyone.

National Center for History in the Schools at UCLA. "Landscape Teaching Unit 5.4 Mongol Empire Builders." *World History for Us All.* San Diego State University, n.d. Web. 19 June 2014.

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