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**Calamities/Recoveries Chart**

The 13th-15th centuries were a time of political and cultural upheaval across Afroeurasia. It was a time that saw the rise of great empires. Others fell. Others managed to rise AND fall in a relatively short period of time. These kinds of massive changes often bring calamity to the lives of the ordinary people affected by them. Yet, we also know that not everyone is affected in the same way – a calamity to one group of people could be a great recovery for another.

Fill out the chart below, highlighting some of the key events of this time period. As you see below in the completed example, each event needs a date (or range of dates), the name of the event, an explanation about for whom the event was a calamity (and why) as well as for whom the event was a recovery (and why).

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| Date | Event | Calamity (Who was it bad for – and why?) | Recovery (Who was it good for – and why?) |
| 1271 | The Yuan Dynasty Begins | The Chinese people – their way of life was destroyed by foreigners who did not care for them or their traditions | a) Mongols – they controlled a vast territory and became extremely wealthy  b) Europeans – Trade routes flourished under Mongol control |
| 1368 |  |  |  |
| 1381-1405 | Timur conquers an empire |  |  |
|  | Timur defeats the Ottomans |  |  |
| 1405 |  |  |  |
|  | Fall of Constantinople |  |  |