**Document A (excerpted)**

*The Secret History of the Mongols is the oldest surviving Mongol-language literary work. It was written for the Mongol royal family after Chinggis Khan’s death by an* ***anonymous*** *author.*

After this in the Year of the Sheep Chinggis Khan set out to fight the people of **Cathay** … He sent out an army under Jebe’s command to take the fortress at Chu-yung Kuan. When **Jebe** arrived he saw Chu-yung Kuan was well defended, so he said: “I’ll trick them and make them come out in the open. I’ll pretend to retreat and when they come out I’ll attack them.” So Jebe retreated and the Cathayan army cried: “Let’s go after them!” They poured out of their fortifications until the valleys and mountain sides were full of their soldiers. Jebe retreated to Sondi-i-wu Ridge and there he turned his army around to attack as the enemy rushed towards him in waves. The Cathayan army was beaten and (then) Chinggis Khan, commanding the great Middle Army, attacked as well, forcing the Cathayan army to retreat, killing the finest and most courageous soldiers of Cathay … slaughtering them along the side of Chu-yung Kuan so that their bodies piled up like rotten logs.

***Source:*** *The Secret History of the Mongols*, *compiled from Mongol oral traditions, 1200s*

**Word Bank:**

anonymous – unknown

Cathay – an empire in northern China

Jebe – the best general in Chinggis Khan’s army

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