

China (Yuan Dynasty)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• modified Chinese methods of administration (civil service exam)• Mongols reserved upper levels of bureaucracy for themselves and foreigners• direct rule by Kublai Khan• no resistance = benevolence• religious toleration – ok with Buddhism and elements of Confucianism• made use of already existing tax, postal system | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• revived Silk Road trade• Pax Mongolica (Mongol Peace) = safe travel• encouraged international trade• postal system (10,000 relay stations) facilitated commerce and communication• built roads, improved canals• lowered taxes for peasants• elevated status of merchants<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Ortoogh – organization to promote caravan trading• used paper money (standardization) |
| <p>Additional Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kublai Khan ordered a set of Chinese style tablets to honor ancestors, gave them Chinese names• made use of traditional Confucian rituals• few Mongols learned Chinese language• Mongol law discriminated against Chinese• intermarriage between Mongols and Chinese was forbidden• Mongol women never adopted footbinding• Persian and Byzantine science, medicine, introduced into China (Eastern Diffusion) | |

Additional Information from Document Set and Comparison Reading:

Russia (The Golden Horde)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no resistance = benevolence • religious toleration in order to consolidate rule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Russian Orthodox church flourishes • indirect rule – princes acted as regents of Khan • rise of Moscow, decline of Kiev (destroyed because of resistance) • Princes of Moscow levy and collect heavy taxes in order to pay tribute • princes learn to centralize authority | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encouraged international trade • safe trade routes provide an outlet for the Russian fur trade • safe travel facilitated commerce • facilitated communication – postal system • communications and trade facilitate the arrival of the Black Plague • skilled craftsmen deported to other Mongol lands • peasants flee or become indebted serfs |
| <p>Additional Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russia had little to offer the Mongols...but the steppe lands around the Caspian and Black Seas were perfect to maintaining their nomadic way of life • Mongols could dominate Russia from the steppes by simply the threat of them coming back • Impact was very uneven <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ princes used roles as tribute collectors to become wealthy ○ Russian Orthodox Church flourished because of religious toleration and being exempt from taxation ○ cities that resisted were devastated (Kiev) ○ peasants become indebted serfs or sold into slavery • Moscow parlays role as tribute collector into a leading role in the new Russian state that is formed after the Mongols leave • | |

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Middle East (Il-Khanate)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• resistance = total annihilation• indirect rule – conquered served as Regents of Khan• adopted Persian methods of governing and bureaucracy | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• destruction of Baghdad (200,000 killed)• destroyed canal systems• heavy taxation (20-30x per year) pushes peasants off land• migration of nomadic Mongols w/ herds turns agricultural land into pasture• irrigation systems neglected• wine production increases• silk production increases |
| <p>Additional Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over time, Mongols were transformed here more than anywhere else• Many converted to Islam• Members of the court and elites learned to speak Persian• Many Mongols began farming• Some married locals• Mongols were not driven out of Persia with the collapse of the Khanate (unlike China), they simply assimilated into society | |

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