**World History I**

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**The Mongols: How Barbaric Were the “Barbarians?”**

(adapted from The DBQ Project)

**OBJECTIVE:**

Students will be able to interact with provided documents in order to **determine how barbaric were the Mongols**.

1. Brainstorm: Describe or illustrate your perception of the term “Barbarian” (positive, negative, description).
2. Read the Background Essay. Record any information you feel is important to addressing the objective.
3. Rotate to each Document Station (1-10), read, and complete the note catcher.

**Document 1 – Map of The Mongol Empire**

**Negatives**

**Positives**

**Document 2 – The Mongol Mission**

What is the document describing?

Are the Mongol expectations of their military positive or negative? Explain why you think so.

**Document 3 – Carpini on Battle Tactics**

**Negatives**

**Positives**

**Document 4 – Juvaini – Nishapur Account**

Read the “Note”, explain why this account may not be accurate.

What might the purpose be for the Mongol treatment of their enemies defeated in warfare?

**Document 5 – Scene from Manuscript**

Describe what is happening in this scene.

**Document 6 – Mongol Commerce in China and Persia**

**Political Institutions Economic Development Cultural Diversity**

Though the Mongols are destructive, what contributions do they make to political institutions, economic development, and cultural diversity?

**Document 7 – Mongol Morality Changes Under Genghis Khan**

According to this passage, what deters crime?

What modern day system is this similar to?

Explain if you agree or disagree.

**Document 8 – The Yams**

What is a yam?

What is this document describing? Why would this be important?

List examples of similar practices from ancient civilizations and modern times.

**Document 9 – Karakorum, Mongolia, May 30, 1254**

Name the belief systems discussed.

What is each religion asked to do for the conference? What is the purpose of the conference?

Does the text state which religion Mongke Khan finds to be ture? Explain.

**Document 10 – Codes of Conduct**

What is yasa?

What is bilik?

Main Points on Conduct:

* Hospitality
* Drinking
* Adultery
* Marriage

Reflection – Personal thoughts related to their laws.

1. **Reflection and Writing Prompt:**

After reviewing the provided documents, please reflect and decide if in relation to what you know about other ancient civilizations, if you think the Mongols were barbaric or not barbaric. Please use at least three pieces of evidence to back up your opinion/position statement.

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1. **Comments and/or Questions:**