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How Barbaric Were the “Barbarians”?

Definition of *Barbarian*:

1. a person in a savage, primitive state, an uncivilized person.
2. a person without culture, refinement, or education

I. Read the background essay. Answer the following questions.

1. Where were the Mongols from?
2. Where does the word Barbarian come from? What does it mean?
3. What was the Mongol lifestyle like? (What did they eat? Where did they live?)
4. What was Genghis Khan’s early life like?
5. Why did the Mongols attack the Persian Empire of Kwharazm?
6. Why did General Subedei allow a few Russian survivors to leave the city of Riazan?
7. What areas of the world did Mongke decide to conquer?
8. What seems to be the only thing that can stop the Mongols?
9. What is a Khanate?
10. What is the *Pax Mongolica*?
11. How does Genghis Khan compare to other conquerors?

II. Analyze the 10 primary source documents. *On the left, summarize the evidence in your own words. On the right, explain how the evidence informs your answer (#1 shows a good example).*

	<i>Evidence</i>	<i>Analysis</i>
1	<p>The map shows the extent of the Mongol empire, which stretches from the Pacific all the way to the edge of Europe. It was the largest empire in all world history, but the map also shows that the Mongols were defeated as they tried to expand. For example, storms off Japan repelled the Mongols in 1274 and 1281.</p>	<p>--Because the empire was so large and influenced so many people, it doesn't seem like the Mongols could have been all that barbaric. Didn't they need to be clever and organized in order to conquer all that territory? Also, many areas they controlled probably had "advanced" civilizations, even after the Mongol conquest.</p>
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