

Textbook Reading Assignment on the Mongol Empire.

In your copy of *Ways of the World*, please read pages 394 to 415 which cover the Mongol Empire.

Once you have completed the assignment, please answer the key questions below.

Each response has to be at least three sentences in length.

It can be either typed or handwritten.

Please make sure that your name is on your assignment. It will count toward your classwork grade which is part of your final grade.

Important comments regarding this reading

- It is a lengthy assignment so enough time will be given for its completion
- Do NOT ignore the pictures and maps. They are not put into the textbook to make it look pretty or take up additional space! They are there for a purpose, to validate the learning.
- Also read *Zooming In* and the *side-page comments* as they are also an integral part of answering the following questions.

Key Questions to answer in sentence form

1. What accounts for the often negative attitudes of settled societies toward the pastoral peoples, in this case the Mongols, living on their borders?
2. In what different ways did Mongol rule affect the Islamic world, Russia, China, and Europe?
3. In what ways did Mongol rule promote Eurasian integration?
4. What was the role of women in the Mongol society and why was this different to women in other areas of their empire?
5. Why did the Mongol empire last only a relatively short time?