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1. What is the meaning of the following words:
	1. Steppe –
	2. Khan –
	3. Nomad –
	4. Yurt –
	5. Yam system –
2. Who were the Mongols’ chief Asian rivals?
3. Who was Temujin?
4. According to the video, howdid Temujin’s personal family background affect his later development and motivations as a leader?
5. In what way did Temujin reorganize the tribal Mongollian society of east Asia?
6. Describe the Mongols’ military strategies. Why did these afford the Mongols such advantages over their enemies?
7. If Genghis Khan were alive today and went to apply for a job, what accomplishments do you think her would list on his resume?
8. How important were the women in Genghis Khan’s life? Explain.
9. What strategies did the Mongol armies use to intimidate and disorient those whom they attacked?
10. Who was Tamerlane? Compare his leadership and accomplishments to Genghis Khan’s.
11. What are some explanations for why Genghis Khan was so cruel and sadistic?
12. After subduing the Chinese, Genghis Khan moved west into central Asia, where he understood that his territories were on the Silk Road – the major trading route between east and west. How did this alter his long-term goals for the Mongols? How did the Mongol empire affect communication and trade between east and west?
13. Describing the weakenss of the Mongol empire after Genghis Khan’s death, one of the historians in the video says, “There weren’t enough Mongols.” Why was the size of the Mongol population important? Was this inevitable?
14. How did Timur’s defeat of the Ottman Turks affect the balance of power with Christian Europe?