

Excellent Information #4A*

Mongols

Persons (and their many names) and Places:

Temuchin = Temujin = Chingis Khan = Genghis Khan (1162? - 1227)

Juchi = Chingis Khan's son, who inherits western realm of Empire

Batu (d. 1255) = Juchi's son, who becomes khan of the area including Rus'

Alexander Nevsky = Prince of Novgorod

Sarai = the capital of the Golden Horde, on the lower Volga river.

Teutonic Knights = German crusaders against Finnic & Baltic pagans, eventually against Orthodox Rus'

Lithuania = a rising pagan state in Eastern Europe.

Riazan' = a Rus' city close to the steppe hit especially hard by Mongols

Concepts & Terms:

ulus = share or portion of a politic realm (hence *ulus* of Juchi)

yarlyk = patent (charter) from the Golden Horde granting Russian princes the right to rule.

Golden Horde (White Horde, Kipchak Khanate, or *ulus* of Juchi) = the realm under the rule of Batu and his descendants. Russia never belonged to the Horde or *ulus* technically, but was ruled from there.

Chingisid = a descendent of Chingis Khan (have to be one in order to become Khan).

khan (or *kagan*) = ruler of the Golden Horde; called "tsar" in Russian sources.

Tengri = inner Asian Great Blue Sky (gives Chingis right to rule)

Super-Excellent Timeline

1206	Temuchin (Chingis Khan) unites a number of Mongolian tribes
1219-63	Lithuanian ruler Mindaugus unifies Lithuanian tribes
1223	Battle on Kalka river: Mongols defeat Russians & Polovtsians, then seem to disappear
1227	Death of Chingis Khan (partition of empire among four sons)
1229	Mongols attack Volga Bulgars & Polovtsians
1232	Mongols attack Bulgars (again)
1237-41	Invasion & conquest of Rus' by Golden Horde (Batu Khan)
1238	Battle on Sit' river: forces of Northeastern Rus' princes defeated by Mongols
1240	Mongols conquer Kiev
	Prince Alexander Nevskii of Novgorod defeats Swedes on Neva
1304	Beginning of struggle between Tver' & Moscow for title of grand prince
1313	Conversion of Golden Horde to Islam
1359	Beginning of substantial instability within Golden Horde
1362	Victory of Lithuanian army over Golden Horde in Battle of Blue Waters
1380	Battle of Kulikovo field: Dmitrii Donskoi defeats Mongols
1420s	Golden Horde begins fragmenting into separate Khanates (eventually four)
1480	Stand on the Ugra (supposedly signals end of Mongol rule in Russia)

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