

Imperial China

1. Read pp. 294 to 302 in your textbook and answer the following questions in your notebook:
 - A. What conditions on the **steppe** might have discouraged agriculture?
 - B. How might a strong, organized empire defend its frontier?
 - C. How did **Genghis Khan** conquer China?
 - D. List all of the various cultures conquered by the Mongols.
 - E. What problems did the Mongols face in holding their vast empire together?
 - F. What were the most important accomplishments of the Mongol Empire?
 - G. How did **Kublai Khan** treat his Chinese subjects?
 - H. How did China's economy improve during the Yuan Dynasty?
 - I. Why did Kublai Khan employ **Marco Polo**?
 - J. What factors contributed to the decline and fall of the Yuan Dynasty?

2. Read pp. 469 to 473 in your textbook and answer the following questions in your notebook:
 - A. What were the successes of the early Ming emperors?
 - B. Who was **Zheng He**? Why did his voyages showcase China's power?
 - C. What was the nature of the relationship between the Ming Emperors and foreign countries?
 - D. Why didn't China undergo widespread industrialization?
 - E. Identify two technological advancements brought to China by European missionaries.
 - F. List FIVE reasons why the Ming Dynasty fell to civil disorder.
 - G. How did the Manchu earn the respect of the Chinese?
 - H. What was the **kowtow**? Why was it so important to the Chinese?
 - I. What were the consequences of the emphasis on tradition in the culture of early modern China?