

KEY CONCEPT 3.2: CONTINUITY & INNOVATION OF STATE FORMS & THEIR INTERACTIONS

TWO GROUPS DOMINATE THE POLITICS OF THIS ERA




661-1258 CE Islam

Islamic expansion introduced a new concept- The CALIPHATE.

- **CALIPHATE** (“Dominion of the Caliph/Successor”)
 - New form of government that took hold across North Africa, and West Asia.
 - Led by a succession of Caliphs until 1258
 - Islamic groups that you NEED TO KNOW:
 - Abbasids, Delhi Sultanate, Muslim Iberia (Al-Andalus)
 - As the Islamic Arabs spread their dominance, they took on a great many **PERSIAN** influences

“The Persians ruled for a thousand years and did not need us Arabs even for a day. We have been ruling them for one or two centuries and cannot do without them for an hour”

- Ultimately, it was Islamic growth that led to the European Crusades
- Key cultural transfer: ABBASIDS with TANG CHINA
- ** There is much more to know here, but the above are listed in the Curricula



1206-1368 CE MONGOLS

The Pastoral people of Central Asia created the largest empire in the history of the planet that integrated both pastoral & agrarian people.

- The State Form to focus on for the Mongols is the **KHANATE**.
- Four Khanates
 - *Golden Horde* (Russia/Eastern Europe)
 - *Khanate of the Great Khan* (China/East Asia)
 - *Chagatai* (Central Asia)
 - *Ilkhanate* (Middle East/Persia/The Illest Khanate of them all)
- Each began as an administrative unit ruled by a descendent of Genghis Khan (usually children/grandchildren)
 - After his death, they fought/became independent
- “Pax Mongolica”
- Era of peace controlled by the Mongol Empire
 - Transcontinental trade that reconstituted the old Silk Road
 - Disease/Goods/Animals/Spices/Paper/Gunpowder/Banking/Printing

OTHER MAJOR STATES “DEMONSTRATE REMARKABLE CONTINUITY, INNOVATION & DIVERSITY”

BYZANTINE 330-1450 CE

- Eastern Rome
- Byzantine people refer to it as the *Roman Empire*
- Person to Know:
 - Justinian
 - Briefly rebuilt the Roman Empire to old borders
 - Justinian Code
 - Administrative System
- Divine, Absolute Emperor
- Elaborate Bureaucr.
- Christian Empire

CHINA 589-1279 CE

- **THREE** Dynasties
 - SUI DYNASTY
 - Reunited
 - Grand Canal
 - TANG DYNASTY
 - High Point of Chinese Civiliz.
 - Silk Road
 - Tribute
 - Buddhist/Confuc.
 - Cultural Influence over Japan, Korea
 - Printing
 - SONG DYNASTY
 - Paper Money
 - Gunpowder
 - Conquered by the MONGOLS

Italian City-States

- New gov’t that replaced the Old Roman Empire
- Venice, Milan, Genoa, Verona, etc.
- Dominated Mediterranean trade
- Key trade between Europe and Asia
- Later traded with Ottoman Empire

Feudal Europe

- Decentralized
- Local feudal lords gained fealty over local people
- Highlight:
 - Charlemagne

Feudal Japan

- Mirrored Europe
- Daimyo=Lord
- Samurai=Knights

AMERICAS

- State systems expanded in scope and strength
- Similar to Afro-Eur.
- MAYA
 - City States
 - AZTEC
 - Empire based in Central Mexico
 - “Mexica”
 - INCA
 - Andes Mountains around Peru
 - Road System
 - Inheritance System
 - Quipu