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Some failures of the Mongols include failing to create a single political party, instead there were 4 dynasties. Their empire failed to last more than 80 years and instead were replaced by the Ming dynasty. Trade opened up opportunities for disease and plagues to infect the people of the dynasty.

Some successes of the Mongols were that they conquered and controlled more land in 25 years than the Romans did in 400 years, they've created the first great free trade zone, promotions based on merit rather than familiar position, lower classes of conquered people into his own tribe while dispossessing the leaders of the conquered clans. The Mongol's army were really skilled and built on speed and archery. They were really adaptive which helped them during war since they've adapted gun powder, siege warfare by interrogating prisoners, and ships to attack Japan. They taxed trade and kept their empire safe. They increased communication between Eurasia by creating the Yam System which were weigh stations with horses and riders that could quickly relay information. Rice became a staple of the Persian diet because of the Mongols.

One thing I've found interesting about the Mongols is how cities would often just surrender when they'd hear that the Mongols were coming, to escape slaughter. It's crazy to think that they had such a reputation that, that had to occur.