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## Film & Response

### The Mongolians

Success:

The Mongolians were great conquerors. They conquered more land in 25 years than the Romans did in 400. This also made them control more than 11 million contiguous square miles. They were basically responsible for creating nations like Korea and Russia. On top of all that, they created the first great free trade zone.

Failures:

The biggest failure is that their empire failed. Within 80 years they had left China and been replaced by a new dynasty the Ming. In Persia they blended in so completely that by the 15th century they were totally unrecognizable. They were probably also responsible for the black death because of the trading which they established.

Interesting/new?

Interesting is that even though they have been a very developed civilization, they haven't really developed in architecture. I also learned that there was a theory that a man could walk from one end of the Mongol empire to the other with a gold plate on his head without ever fearing being robbed.

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