

## The Mongols

What I found interesting about Mongolian Empire is their ability to dominate more land compared to the mighty Romans, and they did it in a shorter length of time. It's puzzling to discover that the Mongols created nations like Russia and Korea. I found it fascinating to see that the grandsons were making history in this empire by carrying the success of their predecessors. I did not know they were the first empire to create international law. Impressive. A common crime in this empire was kidnapping.

The failures of the Mongols highlighted in the video is the battle of Ain Jalut and not establishing a political unit. The people were not united and divided amongst four other empires. They weren't good at record keeping. The Mongols were thought to be the blame for the spreading of the Black Death plague.

Aspects that contributed to the success of the Mongols is being the first empire to create an international trade zone. According to the video, this empire was successful due to their mastery military skills. The Mongols were known to wipeout everyone living in an entire region. The first Leader of the empire was favored by the commoners because of his unique system to promote people on the bases of merit and not nobility or wealth. The Mongols were skilled at archery and mastered horse riding. Their communication system was based on the speed of riders and the horses. The Mongols were intelligent enough to know how to pull information by interrogating prisoners, adapting gunpowder and building ships. Restoring the silk and rice trade route and

taxing the traders was helpful to this empire. The Mongols were tolerant to other religions apart from their own.