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1.What were the failures/successes of the Mongols?

The great Khan failed to create a single political unit out of his conquest.

They did not survive beyond 80 yrs; but in an unusual twist four different empires arose out of his failure, one wonder if it was a strategic move on the Khans part, seeing his shrewdness at military skills, building ships, captured prisoners and interrogated them for information and adopted the European gunpowder usage as weapon.

While failure is seen in the picture , it seems like a part of a puzzle that brings together the whole strategically.

2.What is the one thing you found interesting or new?

I found the fact that in all their cruelty and barbarism they promoted trade when the silk route was dying. Promoted diversity among people which was a strategic move to keep their population alive as well as the others, even though they were killing so many of the other groups. They also had a great dept of tolerance for religious practices which seem to be the bedrock of most of the culture they invaded. One thing that really stood out for me is that they conquered more land in 25 years than the Romans did in 400 years and their feudal system created international laws.

It's like a juxtaposed position they took using insight, hindsight and a bit of foresight. But it's interesting to note that their dominance never lasts in spite of all these great ideas.