**World History: Mongols Introduction**

If you were setting out on a career of conquest, aiming to create an empire, which of the following would you be least willing to do without? Most willing to do without? Circle the 5 most important factors in building a successful empire and give a *brief* explanation below your choices.

A larger army than that of the people you are planning to attack

A better trained, more obedient army than that of your opponents

Charismatic (inspired, forceful) leadership

Ideological (religious or other) support for aggression

A stronger economy or more wealth than your opponents have

Technological superiority in military hardware

Safe, fast supply lines to your homeland

Current, detailed intelligence about your opponents

First-rate communications within your own army

Something not on this list-what?

**We will be investigating things about the Mongols that led to their success of the Mongol empire.**

Characteristics of the people

Nature of the leadership

Details of social organization

Features of the environment

Nature of the technology

Features of the ideology

**Keep in mind these questions as you go through the activity:**

* In what ways would each of the above have promoted, or hindered, the success of Mongols as conquerors?
* Which of the above do they consider to have been most important in the creation of the Mongol empire? Why?