THE MONGOL EMPIRE IN WORLD HISTORY
BY HELEN HUNDLEY — KEY ISSUES IN ASIAN STUDIES BOOK SERIES

SUGGESTED COURSES:
- The Mongol Empire and Eurasia

KEY CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS:
- Geography of the Empire
- Yasa
- Pax Mongolica
- Silk Roads
- Khanates
- Kurultai
- The Crusades

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
1. How did the Mongols change Chinese history?
2. What impact did the Mongols have on the Middle East?
3. How did the Mongols spread Buddhism, Christianity, and Islam?
4. What roles did Mongol women have in the empire?
5. What impact did the size and ease of transport between Europe, the Middle East, and East Asia have?
6. Why weren't the Mongols successful in their attempts to conquer Japan?
7. What role did the empire play in the spread of the Black Death? What impact did it have on the khanates?
8. How did the Mongol Empire encourage the spread of ideas?
9. What were the methods used by the Mongols to conquer territory?
10. What were the relations between the Mongols and Europe?

EXTERNAL LINKS & RESOURCES:
- The HU - The Great Chinggis Khaan (Official Music Video)
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pD1gDSao1eA&ab_channel=BetterNoiseMusic
- The Conqueror (1956) - Starring John Wayne
“In a thoroughly comprehensive manner, Helen Hundley successfully demonstrates the complex legacy of the Mongol presence in medieval history, when Mongol warriors created a vast political organism facilitating interethnic and intercontinental economic and cultural exchange. Hundley offers the reader not only insight into the political organization of the diverse Mongol realm but also an eloquent discussion on the religious effects of Mongol policies as well as the role of women in dynastic interests. The usefulness of the text is manifold: it is helpful reference material for those who specialize in Asian Studies and the European Middle Ages and also teach world history with an emphasis on cultural interaction, and also serves as a comprehensive introduction to the history of the Mongol Empire, accessible to general readership.”

— SEBASTIAN P. BARTOS, Valdosta State University

“Hundley provides a succinct and coherent introduction to the Mongol Empire. Students will find it lucid and interesting, without being overwhelmed.”

— TIMOTHY MAY, University of North Georgia