

Glossary

CHAPTER 12 Empires in East Asia

bubonic plague Deadly disease that struck Europe in the 1300s

disrupt Break up

domesticated Tamed for human use

Grand Canal Long waterway connecting China's major rivers and linking the north and south

Heian Period Time in Japanese history of great cultural achievement from 794 to 1195

khanates Four areas into which the Mongol Empire was divided

nomads Groups who move from place to place

Song Dynasty Important and long-lasting Chinese dynasty that followed the Tang

Srivijaya Powerful island dynasty in Southeast Asia

steppe Large, dry area of grassland

Sui Dynasty Short-lived Chinese dynasty that gave way to the Tang Dynasty

Tang Dynasty Important Chinese dynasty that followed the Sui Dynasty

terrorize Use of force or threats to frighten people

Yamato clan Powerful early Japanese clan

Yuan Dynasty Chinese dynasty founded by Kublai Khan

AFTER YOU READ

Names and Terms

A. Write the name or term in each blank that best completes the meaning of the paragraph.

Genghis Khan

Kublai Khan

Marco Polo

clans

pastoralists

The Mongol Empire arose on the grasslands of Asia. There, nomads lived as **1** _____. They moved from place to place in large family units called **2** _____. A ruler who adopted the name **3** _____ brought these groups together into one empire. He conquered China and Central Asia. Later, his grandson, **4** _____, ruled China and founded the Yuan Dynasty. One important visitor to China at this time was the European traveler **5** _____.

B. Write the letter of the name or term next to the description that explains it best.

a. Koryu Dynasty

b. Tang Taizong

c. Khmer Empire

d. Bushido

e. Wu Zhao

_____ **1.** Early and brilliant emperor of the Tang Dynasty

_____ **2.** Samurai code of honor

_____ **3.** Korean dynasty

_____ **4.** Tang emperor; only female emperor of China

_____ **5.** Southeast Asian empire that ruled in the area now known as Cambodia.

Main Ideas

1. Name three social changes that occurred in China during the Song Dynasty.

2. How did Genghis Khan change the Mongols?

3. Why did the Mongol Empire fall?

4. Explain Shinto and its main ideas.

5. What happened in Korea before the Koryu Dynasty?

Thinking Critically

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Compare and contrast the Tang and Song Dynasties.

2. What was the relationship between a Japanese shogun and the emperor?