Watch the video and answer the following questions. The captions are turned on to assist you in viewing the information. If you have questions or need clarification, just ask!

1. What characteristics of key things do nomads, in this case the Mongols, have that differentiate them from settled peoples?
2. What was Genghis Khan’s birth name and around when was he born?
3. What two innovations does John Green cite as the reasons Temujin won a Mongolian civil war and united Mongol confederations?
4. What was one of Genghis Khan’s failures as a leader?
5. What are some characteristics of Khan’s army?
6. List John Green’s five arguments for Mongol awesomeness.
7. List John Green’s five reasons why the Mongols might not be so great.
8. Why did the Mongols revive trade between Europe and Asia?

As you read about the Mongols, analyze their empire through the SPICE Chart.

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| **S**ocial* Family & kinship
* Gender Roles & Relations
* Social & Economic Classes
* Racial & ethnic constructions
* Inequalities
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| **P**olitical* Leaders, Elites
* Political structures
* Military
* Nations & Nationalism
* Revolts & Revolutions
* Wars, diplomacy, & treaties
* Courts & Laws
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| **I**nteractions with Environment* Migration
* Patterns of settlement
* Interactions with nature
* Geography
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| **C**ulture* Belief systems, philosophies, & ideologies
* Math, science & technology
* The arts & architecture
* Writing & literature
* Religions
* Inventions
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| Economic* Labor Systems
* Trade & Commerce
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