Genghis Khan
+ Original name: Temujin
+ Birth: 1162
+ Birthplace: Near the border of Modern Mongolia and Syria
+ Mother was kidnapped by Father and forced into marriage
+ He killed his older half-brother

- He put competent allies instead of relatives in position (contrary to custom)
- He organised his warriors in 10 (not according to family)
- Also known as: Chinggis Khan meaning “universal ruler”
- abolished inherited aristocratic titles
- forbade the selling and kidnapping of women
- adapted a writing system
- allowed freedom of religion
- conducted a regular census

- he was one of the most feared historical figures of history
- he conquered a great part of the world
- ruthless and smart
- had the largest continuous empire throughout history
- from Mongolia to most of Asia and China
- descendants conquered up to Poland, Vietnam, Syria and Korea

Mongols under Genghis Khan

- had unbelievable military
- were very quick in moving
- used their horses to move
- controlled between 11 to 12 million square miles

*Mongol leader Genghis Khan never allowed anyone to paint his portrait, sculpt his image or engrave his likeness on a coin. The first images of him appeared after his death.