

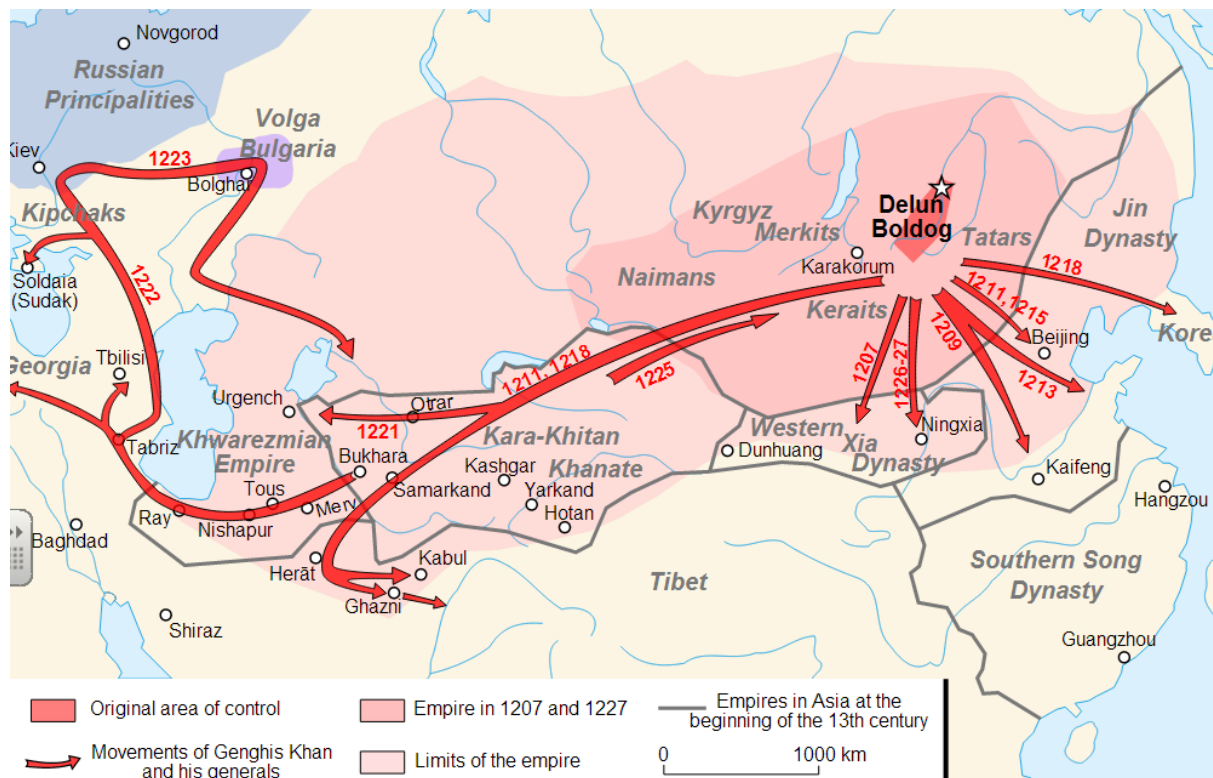
ATS Skills: Research and Communication

Mongol Attack

Read the following sources and answer all questions:

Source A

Below is a map showing the invasion route of the by Mongols by 1220.



Source B:



According to Firas al-Khateeb – a graduate student in history from the University of Chicago Illinois and author of the book *Lost Islamic history: Reclaiming Muslim Civilisation from the Past*, London: C. Hurst & Co Ltd, 2014, p. [reproduced from <http://lostislamichistory.com/mongols/>] – the Mongol success was due to using terror as a tactic of war:

“More important than *what* Genghis Khan conquered was *how* he conquered. He deliberately used terror as a weapon of war. If a city he was besieging gave up without a fight, its people would usually be

spared but would have to go under Mongol control. If the city fought against the Mongols, everyone, including civilians, would be massacred. This reign of terror is a large part of why he was such a successful conqueror. People were more willing to give up than to suffer massacres at his hand. For example, when he besieged the city of Herat, in present-day Afghanistan, **he killed over 1,600,000 people.**”

Questions:

- (1) What can we infer from source A? (2)
- (2) What might be the **value** and **limitation** of source B for historians studying the military conquests of the Mongols. [ensure you include mention of the **origins**, **content** and **purpose** of the source in your answer. A box has been provided below for structuring your notes or points] (4).

Origin	Value
Purpose	Limitation

Total mark = 6

