

## ATL Skills: Research

### Mongol Conquest: Causes – Trade

One factor for the cause of the Conquests under Genghis Khan is trade. **Read** the excerpt below and answer all questions:

A second reason often mentioned is the attempt by Mongolia's neighbors in north and northwest China to reduce the amount of trade with the Mongols. Since the Mongols depended on trade for goods that they desperately needed — such as grain, craft, and manufactured articles — cessation of trade, or at least the diminution of trade, could have been catastrophic for them. The attempts by the Jin dynasty, which controlled North China, and the Xia dynasty, which controlled Northwest China, to reduce the level of trade that the Mongols could expect, created a crisis for the Mongols. Unable to obtain goods that they so desperately needed, the Mongols' response was to initiate raids, attacks, and finally invasions against these two dynasties.

(<http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/mongols/conquests/conquests.htm>)

#### Questions:

1. What does the source tell us about the Mongols? **State** three points (3).
2. In your own words, **outline** the above cause for the Mongol conquest under Genghis Khan (4).



3. How different would the Mongol invasion of neighbouring powers under the pretext of diminishing trade be different to modern states that use pretexts such as humanitarian intervention, strategic interest and regime change to invade? **Discuss** your answer.

