**The Trial of Genghis Khan**

On Monday, November 14, 2016, we will put Genghis Khan on trial (he will be representing the Mongols as a whole – the empire, successor states, effects and impacts of Mongol rule, etc.) The charges against Genghis (and his descendants) include the following:

1. Barbarism (extreme cruelty and brutality)
2. Disrupting and causing the decline of civilization
3. Intolerance and discrimination against conquered and foreign peoples

On the day of the trial you could be part of Genghis’s defense team, or you could be prosecuting Genghis for his alleged crimes…or you could be a member of the jury, or a witness, or Genghis himself...fate will decide……….

You must prepare for the trial by first watching our documentary, and then you will need to do some research to make sure you are ready for whichever role you are assigned. And, there will be bonus points awarded for participation and homework passes for those who are well prepared!

List of roles:

Genghis Khan

Defense attorneys (3)

Prosecution attorneys (3)

Jurors (4-5)

Al-Musta'sim, last Abbasid caliph of Baghdad

A Chinese Confucian scholar of the Song dynasty

Sartaq Khan

Alexander Nevsky

Marco Polo

Ibn Battuta

William of Rubruck

Inalchuq, governor of Otrar

Citizen of Samarkand during the Mongol invasion in 1220

Chinese merchant

Chabi, favorite wife of Kublai Khan

A Russian peasant

A Silk Road merchant

Guillaume Boucher, Parisian goldsmith

Yelü Chucai (Yeh-lu Chu-tsai), Khitan statesman and advisor to the Mongol court

A Persian scholar and historian during the period of Mongol invasions

Kublai Khan

**Read the following in your textbook:**

Story of Guillaume Boucher – pg. 363

Account of William of Rubruck – pg. 366

Account of Marco Polo – pg. 371

**Here are some websites to get you started:**

<http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/mongols/> - this one is really good and easy to navigate! Go here first!

<http://factsanddetails.com/asian/cat65/sub423/item2694.html>

<http://ibnbattuta.berkeley.edu/3iraq.html>