**Mongols!**

**The Trial of Genghis Khan**

**Led by Genghis Khan and his sons and grandsons, the Mongols created the greatest empire in history. Stretching from the edge of Japan to the heart of Central Europe, the Mongol Empire created a reputation on the one hand for invincible and cruel military power, and on the other for cultural exchange and understanding. Who were the real Mongols? Were they bloodthirsty marauders, destroyers of cities, slayers of innocents? Or were they promoters of trade, supporters of cultural exchange, connectors of East and West?**

**Charges: Genghis Khan is being charged with war crimes against humanity during his 13th century conquests**

**Prosecution: - charging Khan with brutal war crimes and uncivilized manners during his barbaric conquests and ruling.**

* **Why do you believe Genghis Khan is guilty of crimes against humanity during his conquests? 🡪 List specific examples that prove Khan’s conquests were negative**

**Defense: - believes Khan united the Mongols and connected the East and West, which encouraged trade, cross-cultural exchange, political and economic stability, and peace among empires.**

* **Why do you believe Genghis Kahn’s conquests were a positive event in the 13th/14th century, and not a crime against humanity? 🡪 List specific examples that prove Khan’s conquests were positive**

**TEAMS**

**PROSECUTION: Ivan – Lily – James**

**DEFENSE: Pep – Kevin – Jojo – Max**

**ROLES**

**Attorneys**

* **Prosecution attorney: PEP 🡪 You are the “team captain” of the prosecution. You will try to convince jurors that the evidence supports the indictment. You should study the evidence and organize the case.**
* **Defense attorney: IVAN 🡪 You are the “team captain” of the defense. You will try to convince jurors that the evidence does not support the indictment. You should study the evidence and organize the case.**

**Defendant: KEVIN 🡪 You will testify at the trial.**

**Witnesses: You will testify at the trial + submit *Witness Role Biography***

* **Prosecution: LILY / JAMES**
* **Defense: JOJO / MAX**

**Witness Information**

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| **Defense**[***Genghis Khan***](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genghis_Khan)[**Mongol Govt. Official**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Organization_of_the_Mongol_Empire_under_Genghis_Khan)[**Mongol Woman**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Society_of_the_Mongol_Empire)[**Kublai Khan**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kublai_Khan)[**Prince of Moscow: Ivan I**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ivan_I_of_Moscow)[**Merchant**](http://www.ess.uci.edu/~oliver/silk.html#6)[**Marco Polo**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marco_Polo) | **Prosecution**[**Chinese Scholar**](http://history-world.org/mongol_empire.htm)[**Pope Innocent IV**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Innocent_IV)[**Prisoner of War**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Destruction_under_the_Mongol_Empire)[**Russian Peasant**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Destruction_under_the_Mongol_Empire)[**Caliph of Baghdad**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Musta%27sim)[**Prince of Kiev**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_of_Chernigov)[**Chinese Peasant**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Destruction_under_the_Mongol_Empire) |