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*Mankind: The Story of All of Us* Episode 5: “Plague”

# Mongols 00:00 – 11:52

1. What advantages did horses give to the Mongols? (Name at least two)
2. How did climate change force the Mongols south?
3. How were the horse-riding Mongols able to break through the walls of the city?
4. The Mongols created the largest empire in earth’s history. To do so, they had to be good communicators. Describe their communication system.

# The Plague 12:28 – 34:39

1. Bubonic plague is named after buboes. What is a bubo?
2. How did the rats, and therefore the plague, spread between areas?
3. How did Jani Beg help spread the plague into the city of Caffa?
4. Biological weapons have been outlawed in 165 countries. Why do you think this is the case?
5. What treatments did doctors attempt?
6. The Pope couldn’t stop the plague. Who did the people begin to blame and what did they do to the ones they blamed?
7. The plague killed over 50 million people in 15 years – but all in the Old World. Why were the Americas safe from the plague?

# Pachacuti of the Incas 34:39 – 44:09

1. How did the Incans grow crops on the high mountain slopes?
2. Uscovilca led the Chancas into battle, even though he was dead. What does this reveal about their attitudes towards death?
3. Pachacuti felt he was stronger than Uscovilca. Why?
4. How did the Inca link their territories together?