

## Year 7 Term 4: How successfully did Medieval rulers navigate power?



### Key dates

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| c. 1162–25 August 1227 | Reign of Genghis Khan, born Temüjin, who ruled over the Mongol Empire                                  |
| 1312 to 1337           | Mansa Musa rule over the Mali Empire                                                                   |
| 1375                   | The Mappa Mundi was created                                                                            |
| 1384                   | Jadwiga becomes rule of Poland aged 10                                                                 |
| 1492                   | Isabella of Castile oversees the annexation of Grenada and sponsors the voyage of Christopher Columbus |

### Key people

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| Genghis Khan        | Genghis Khan was best known for unifying the Mongolian steppe lands under a massive empire that was able to challenge the powerful Jin dynasty in China and capture territory as far west as the Caspian Sea.                     |
| Mansa Musa          | Mansa Musa (Musa I of Mali) was the early 14 <sup>th</sup> century ruler of the kingdom of Mali. During his reign, Mali was one of the richest kingdoms of Africa, and Mansa Musa was among the richest individuals in the world. |
| Isabella of Castile | The powerful 15 <sup>th</sup> century queen who helped to unite Spain into one powerful country                                                                                                                                   |
| Jadwiga of Poland   | The female heir to the throne of Poland who gained the title King of Poland when she ascended to the throne. She was known for her Catholic faith and support of education.                                                       |

### Key Tier 3 vocabulary

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| Castile       | The Kingdom of Castile was a large and powerful state on the Iberian Peninsula during the Middle Ages. Its name is popularly thought to come from the castles built in the region. It made up the main part of modern Spain |
| Catalan Atlas | The Catalan Atlas is a medieval world map, or mappa mundi, described as the most important map of the Middle Ages                                                                                                           |
| Colonisation  | The act of taking control of an area or a country that is not your own, especially using force, and sending people from your own country to live there                                                                      |
| Contiguous    | A continuous area within a border                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Exploration   | To travel somewhere in search of discovery                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Mali          | The Mali Empire was an empire in West Africa from c. 1226 to 1670. Today known as the Republic of Mali                                                                                                                      |
| Mongol Empire | At its peak, it covered 23million square km of northern Asia and the Middle East, the largest contiguous land empire in world history. The Mongols were fierce and successful warriors.                                     |
| Pax Mongolica | Period of peace that followed the bloody creation of the Khan controlled empire of the Mongol lands.                                                                                                                        |

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| Prior knowledge required:                                                                                           | Provides building blocks for:                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anglo-Saxon England</li> <li>Norman rule</li> <li>Medieval rulers</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14<sup>th</sup> century</li> <li>Tudor monarchs</li> <li>Silk Roads</li> <li>Empire</li> <li><i>Power and the People GCSE</i></li> </ul> |



The Catalan Atlas (14<sup>th</sup> C.) showing the geography, power and trade routes of the known world.

| Key knowledge                                                              |
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| Genghis Khan<br>Mongol expansion, controlling the empire. Pax Mongolica    |
| Mansa Musa<br>Mali Empire, emperor, travels to Mecca, wealth, legacy       |
| Jadwiga of Poland<br>crowned King; key points about her life, became Saint |
| Isabella of Castille<br>Events of 1492, her importance                     |
| Answering the big picture enquiry question                                 |

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What cross-curricular links can you make with this big picture enquiry question?

| Key historical skills |                       |                   |
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| Cause/consequence     | Similarity/difference | Change/continuity |
| Significance          | Sources               | Interpretations   |