1206 – 1368

Put the Events in Order

Name _____ Date _____

These 8 events from the Mongol Empire timeline are out of order. Write a number from 1 to 8 in each box, from the earliest event (1) to the latest (8).

☐ **Kublai Khan and the Pax Mongolica**
Kublai Khan rules China as founder of the Yuan Dynasty; Marco Polo travels from Venice to his court; the stability of Mongol rule across Eurasia allows unprecedented trade and cultural exchange along the Silk Road.

☐ **Invasion of Europe**
Mongol armies under generals Batu Khan and Subutai devastate Poland and Hungary, crushing every European army they face, and reach the Adriatic Sea — stopping only when news arrives of the Great Khan's death and the army turns back.

☐ **Conquest of Central Asia**
Genghis Khan leads roughly 200,000 Mongol warriors through the Khwarazmian Empire, destroying the great cities of Samarkand, Bukhara, and Merv and massacring much of their population.

☐ **Mongols Defeated at Ain Jalut**
Egyptian Mamluk forces defeat a Mongol army at Ain Jalut in Palestine — the first decisive defeat of Mongol forces in open battle, stopping their advance into North Africa.

☐ **Invasion of Northern China**
Mongol forces breach the Great Wall and invade the Jin Dynasty of northern China, eventually capturing Zhongdu (near modern Beijing) and absorbing Chinese administrative expertise and siege warfare technology.

☐ **Ming Dynasty Expels the Mongols**
Chinese rebels under Zhu Yuanzhang overthrow the Mongol Yuan Dynasty and found the Ming Dynasty — ending Mongol rule over China, the empire's largest and most populous possession.

☐ **Genghis Khan Unites the Mongols**
Temujin, who fought his way to dominance among the nomadic peoples of the Mongolian steppe, is proclaimed Genghis Khan — 'universal ruler' — at a great assembly of tribal leaders.

☐ **Sack of Baghdad**
Mongol forces under Hulagu Khan storm Baghdad, kill the Abbasid Caliph, and destroy the city's libraries, canals, and population — ending the 500-year-old Islamic golden age of the Abbasid Caliphate.

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1206 — 1. Genghis Khan Unites the Mongols

1211–15 — 2. Invasion of Northern China

1219–21 — 3. Conquest of Central Asia

1241 — 4. Invasion of Europe

1258 — 5. Sack of Baghdad

1260 — 6. Mongols Defeated at Ain Jalut

1271–95 — 7. Kublai Khan and the Pax Mongolica

1368 — 8. Ming Dynasty Expels the Mongols