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## Yuan Dynasty: Arts, Technology and Trade

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### **DATES**

1206 Crowning of Chinggis Khan 1234 Mongol Conquest of North China 1260-1294 Reign of Khubilai Khan 1271 Founding of Yuan Dynasty 1279 Mongol conquest of North China 1368 Collapse of Yuan Dynasty and founding of Ming Dynasty

#### **LEADING FIGURES**

Chinggis Khan, 1162-1227 Khubilai Khan 1215-1294 Chabi, 1216-1281, most renowned of Khubilai's wives Marco Polo, 1254-1324 'Phags-pa Lama, 1235-1280, inventor of universal script Rashid al-Din, 1247-1318, author of first world history Zhou Daguan, c. 1270-?, first mention of Angkor Wat Ahmad Fanakati, d.1282—Muslim finance minister William of Rubruck, 1220-1293, mission to Mongols Rabban Sauma, 1220-1294, first person from China to reach Europe Princess Sengge Ragi, ca. 1283-1331, Khubilai Khan's great granddaughter, artistic patroness Zhao Mengfu, 1254-1322, most renowned Yuan painter Guan Daosheng, 1262-1319, woman painter Ren Renfa, 1255-1328, horse painter 4 Yuan Masters—Ni Zan, 1306-1374; Wang Meng, ca. 1308-1383 Gong Kai, 1222-post1304, painter

# **TERMS**

Shangdu (Xanadu)
Takht-I Sulaiman (Throne of Solomon), summer capital of Mongols in Iran
Ortogh—merchant associations
Nestorianism, Islam
Celadon, first blue-and-white
Shinan shipwreck

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