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**World History:**

***Characteristics of Rising Empires***

**Directions**: Read the appropriate handout and maps that the teacher assigns your group. While reading the text, think about the four characteristics of a rising empire that we discussed at the beginning of class. After reading, decide if your empire displayed each one of the four characteristics. In the “Argument” section, state your opinion of whether the empire did or did not exhibit each trait. Then, find two pieces of evidence from your handouts that supports your opinion, and list them under the “Evidence” section. Compare and discuss your findings with your group.

 **Mongol Empire**  **Islamic Empire**

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| **Strong Central Leadership****Argument: \_Y or N\_\_ they had a strong central leader****Evidence:** | **Strong Central Leadership****Argument: \_\_Y or N\_\_ they had a strong central leader****Evidence:** |
| **Territorial Expansion****Argument:****Evidence:** | **Territorial Expansion****Argument:****Evidence:** |
| **Unification of Diverse Populations****Argument:****Evidence:** | **Unification of Diverse Populations****Argument:****Evidence:** |
| **Cultural Diffusion****Argument:****Evidence:** | **Cultural Diffusion****Argument:****Evidence:** |