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What Made Genghis Khan Become a Conqueror of Eurasia?

Document #1

"Genghis Khan was born Temujin (Ironsmith) in 1162 AD. His mother had been shocked to see her newborn baby holding a clump of blood in his hand. His father, a minor chief in society, consulted a Mongol holy man. " This child," predicted the seer, " will rule the world".

How might this event have affected the way Genghis Khan was raised by his parents?_____
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Document #2

"When Temujin was born, the Mongols were nomadic people who grazed their horses and sheep on the steppe grasslands of Central Asia. When he was still as boy, his father was poisoned by a rival Mongol clan."

How would the murder of his father have affected Genghis Khan's attitude towards war and conquest?_____
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Document #3

"Unprepared to lead his father's armies following his death, Temujin suffered major disasters in battle. At the age of 15, he was taken prisoner. He was locked into a wooden collar and forced to parade before his enemies, helpless and completely at their mercy".

How does this event explain the brutality Genghis Khan inflicted upon enemy soldiers?_____
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Document #4

" Above all else, Genghis Khan was known for his military genius and well-disciplined troops. With over 200, 000 troops to lead, maintaining control and order would have seemed an impossible task. Not for Genghis Khan. The first rule for all his soldiers: absolute personal loyalty to him and him alone. Those who betrayed him had each of their arms and legs tied to a different horse. Upon his command, the horses would all pull at once, ripping the helpless victim to pieces"

Why did Mongol soldiers refuse to surrender during battles with the enemy?_____
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