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Process Paper

My favorite part of history is about those amazing world conquerors, such as Napoleon. I chose Genghis Khan, the thirteenth century Mongol conqueror; because he not only showed an unimaginable amount of leadership, but also left a humongous legacy that the world still shivers at the sound of his name. Also, he conquered most of Asia, and some Europe, with of a grand total of 4,860,000 square miles conquered. This is more land than the combination of land conquered by Napoleon Bonaparte and Alexander the Great! This was definitely someone worthwhile to do.

I began my research by going through some online encyclopedias, and got an overview of Genghis Khan's life. After looking through his biggest achievements, I was able to start my in-depth research on his leadership: his vision, legacy, and background. After having my overview, I started looking for sites and databases that specialized in these four sections of Genghis's life, and paraphrased the important information from the sites and databases into notecards.

After some quality research, I came up with a theory and research question, which gave me my three controls, which are government, lifestyle, and religion. After determining my three controls, I found a few more great books on secondary sources about Genghis Khan. But, up until then, my biggest trouble was finding some deep, helpful primary sources on him, because of one little problem. Genghis Khan lived in the thirteenth century! I was sort of lost until I

found "Ask Us Now", a website where students can ask nearby librarian's questions, and I'm in deep debt to them because they found me quite a few primary sources (Mostly books.)

This was how I conducted my research.

But, this was only the start of my project. I still have a final project to do. I chose to do a website because I realized that to do any other project; they would need a lot of primary sources. No matter how I try, I cannot find many primary sources for a man that lived eight centuries ago, or at least not enough for a winning documentary or display board.

A website is perfect for Genghis Khan, because I would be able to use pictures to make up for the not enough information, while websites don't need super detailed information, such as research papers. I can also bring in some things I'm good at into it, such as photo editing. That is why I picked to do a website.

Picking a website was the easy part; doing was the hard part. I spent many hours writing about Genghis Khan, and searching for pictures, quotes, strategy books, etc. I looked back at my sources, and studied them further.

I even wrote a research paper filled with detail, and then paraphrased part of it into my simplified website. Slowly, after some weeks later, I finally finished my website, called Genghis Khan: The Warrior of Iron". That's how I conducted my research, and finished my final NHD project.