MANKIND: THE STORY OF ALL OF US

EPISODE 5: THE PLAGUE

THIS WORKSHEET SET INCLUDES, IN ORDER, A 62-QUESTION FILL-IN-THE-BLANK, TRUE OR FALSE, AND SHORT ANSWER WORKSHEET. THE SET ALSO INCLUDES, IN ORDER, AN ANSWER KEY.

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Keys Include Solar Flares/Climate Change, Communication, Bacteria, Maize

Terms to define: biological warfare, cavalry, cultivate, infinite, ultimatum, micro-organisms, pandemic, vulnerable
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**THE MONGOLS**

1. Northern China, 1215 AD. The _____________ are coming. 50,000 warriors. The world’s greatest cavalry _______________. Their leader: Genghis Khan. One of the bloodiest _______________ in human history. His target: Chung Tu. Today’s Beijing, China’s _______________ city.
2. Cities are _______________ to the story of mankind. Centers of power, learning, and wealth.
3. How many miles of 40 feet-high battlements does Chung Tu have? _______________
4. How many people live in Chung Tu? _______________
5. Now a battle for the future of mankind between the _______________ dweller and the _______________.
6. Genghis Khan, son of a tribal _______________. His father was murdered. He was sent into _______________.
7. He _______________ his captors, fights his way to the top, _______________ the Mongols, and begins a campaign of _______________ that will change the world.
8. What is the key to Genghis Khan’s success? _______________
9. Using the _______________ for warfare unlocks a new key for mankind.
10. How old are Mongols when they start on horseback? _______________
11. Mongol warriors have _______________ horses each. They can eat and _______________ on horseback. No army will travel so far and so fast until _______________.
12. Climate _______________ is one of the keys to the human story and drives the _______________ to change the world.
13. In Mongolia, _______________ turns pasture into desert. To survive, the Mongols sweep south, towards _______________, the great power in Asia. Home to the biggest _______________ in the world.
14. What is Genghis Khan’s ultimatum? _______________
15. What is legend about the Mongols? _______________
16. Genghis Khan rapes so many _______________ that as many 1 in _______________ people alive carry his genes. _______________ women, it is said, prefer _______________ to being raped by the Mongols.
17. What do the Mongols use to take the city? _______________
18. The Mongols overrun Chung Tu, massacre over ___________________ people, and __________________ the city.
19. In his lifetime, Genghis __________________ is said to be responsible for the deaths of up to __________________ people, as many as Adolf __________________.
20. He conquers more land in __________________ years than Rome did in __________________. 4.5 million square __________________. The __________________ empire so far in human history. And the key to its success: __________________.
21. How do the Mongols send messages? __________________________________________
22. Every 30 miles, a relay __________________ with 400 horses. Government messengers, carrying an official __________________, can claim food and a fresh mount. The world’s first __________________.
23. Mankind battles an enduring enemy: __________________. Issyk Kul, a trading __________________, midway between Europe and Asia. Genghis Khan has been dead for more than a century, but his __________________ continues. Along its trade routes a deadly traveler. __________________.
24. At Issyk Kul, a __________________ begins. One of the first recorded victims, Kutluk.
25. What is Kutluk suffering from? _______________________________________________
26. What passes on this disease? ________________________________________________
27. In 1337, __________________ people die in Issyk Kul. 2 years later, there are ______________ deaths. But this is just the __________________.
28. How did the plague make it to Europe? _________________________________________
29. Black rats infest the __________________ that travels along the Mongol trading routes. Spreading out from Issyk Kul, the plague sweeps east to ______________ and west towards __________________.
30. Kaffa, on the Black Sea. A thriving __________________ at the crossroads of east and west, controlled by __________________ merchants. One man is credited with __________________ the plague into Europe, a descendant of Genghis Khan: Jani Beg.
31. What is Jani Beg’s terrible new weapon? _______________________________________
32. No one has ever used biological __________________ like Jani Beg.
33. The inhabitants of Kaffa try to outrun the plague and flee to __________________. They have no idea they are bringing the __________________ with them. The plague, on route to the world’s most densely populated __________________.
34. Mankind faces a battle against __________________. Siena, Italy. __________________ months after the plague invades Europe, __________________ are dead.
35. How long does the plague take to cross Asia? __________________
36. Why is Europe perfect for the spreading of the bubonic plague?
37. What is the plague doctor’s treatment? _________________________________________
38. Once the plague bacteria mutate, how are they spread? __________________
39. The kill rate of the plague goes from 75% to what? __________________
40. In six months, __________________ people, 60% of Siena, wiped __________________.
41. Now, disaster tests mankind’s __________________.
42. Avignon, France. Home to _______________ Clement VI, one of the most powerful men in the _______________, controlling vast armies and enormous _______________.
43. True or False. Pope Clement VI is able to stop the spread of the plague in Avignon by speaking with God.
44. True or False. Pope Clement VI consecrates the River Rhone as a floating cemetery.

SAINT VALENTINE’S DAY MASSACRE

45. _______________ the plague rages across Europe. Mankind is at its __________________ and most irrational searching for someone to blame.
46. What rumor about the plague is spread in Strasbourg, Germany? _______________
47. When fear grips mankind, minorities are an easy _______________. The authorities in Strasbourg try to _______________ them, posting guards in the streets, but isolation breeds contempt. The mob takes the _______________ into its own hands.
48. February _______________. A Saint Valentine’s Day _______________. The Jews of Strasbourg are given a choice: convert or _______________. 1,000 Jews are _______________ alive. But the massacre does nothing to save the city. _______________ months later, the plague arrives, claiming another _______________ victims.
49. True or false. Mankind was rendered powerless by tiny bacteria.
50. How many people die from plague over a 15-year period? _______________

THE RISE OF THE INCA EMPIRE

51. What stopped the plague from reaching the Americas? _______________
52. 200 years after Genghis Khan, a young _______________ warrior prepares himself for battle. Pachacuti. Courageous, dynamic, inspired. A vision of the _______________ drives him into a mighty battle that will create the _______________ of the Incas.
53. How many people live in the Americas? _______________
54. True or False. The new world has horses, iron tools, and wheeled vehicles.
55. Thousands of feet above sea level, they cultivate _______________ totally unknown to the rest of the world. _______________, tomatoes, _______________. 60 years later, the Spanish will bring these super foods back to _______________. A key moment in shaping the _______________ of mankind.
56. True or False. The Incas enemy is the Chancas, bloodthirsty warriors who use the bones of enemies as trophies.
57. What is the Inca capital? _______________
58. True or False. Uscoivilca, a dead king, leads the Chancas in battle.
59. How did the people of South America preserve their dead? _______________
60. True or False. Pachacuti believe Uscoivilca is more powerful than Inti, the sun god.
61. True or False. Pachacuti defeated the Chancas.
62. Most of modern day Chile, Bolivia, and Peru united under _______________ rule. To link their territory a network of _______________ stretching 25,000 miles over some of the steepest terrain on earth. At the end of the trail, _______________, Pachacuti’s palace in the clouds, _______________ to the rest of mankind.