**KEY CONCEPT 3.2: CONTINUITY & INNOVATION OF STATE FORMS & THEIR INTERACTIONS**

**TWO GROUPS DOMINATE THE POLITICS OF THIS ERA**

**Islamic expansion introduced a new concept- The CALIPHATE.**

- **CALIPHATE** ("Dominion of the Caliph/Successor")
  - New form of government that took hold across North Africa, and West Asia.
  - Led by a succession of Caliphs until 1258
  - Islamic groups that you NEED TO KNOW: Abbasids, Delhi Sultanate, Muslim Iberia (Al-Andalus)
  - As the Islamic Arabs spread their dominance, they took on a great many PERSIAN influences
    - "The Persians ruled for a thousand years and did not need us Arabs even for a day. We have been ruling them for one or two centuries and cannot do without them for an hour."
    - Ultimately, it was Islamic growth that led to the European Crusades
    - Key cultural transfer: ABBASIDS with TANG CHINA
    - **There is much more to know here, but the above are listed in the Curricula

**The State Form to focus on for the Mongols is the KHANATE.**

- Four Khanates
  - **Golden Horde** (Russia/Eastern Europe)
  - **Khanate of the Great Khan** (China/East Asia)
  - **Chagatai** (Central Asia)
  - **Ilkhanate** (Middle East/Persia/The Illest Khanate of them all)
- Each began as an administrative unit ruled by a descendent of Genghis Khan (usually children/grandchildren)
- After his death, they fought/became independent
- **"Pax Mongolica"**
- Era of peace controlled by the Mongol Empire
  - Transcontinental trade that reconstituted the old Silk Road
  - Disease/Goods/Animals/Spices/Paper/Gunpowder/Banking/Printing

**OTHER MAJOR STATES “DEMONSTRATE REMARKABLE CONTINUITY, INNOVATION & DIVERSITY”**

**BYZANTINE** 330-1450 CE
- Eastern Rome
- Byzantine people refer to it as the Roman Empire
- Person to Know:
  - Justinian
    - Briefly rebuilt the Roman Empire to old borders
    - Justinian Code
      - Administrative System
      - Divine. Absolute Emperor
      - Elaborate Bureaucr.
      - Christian Empire

**CHINA** 589-1279 CE
- THREE Dynasties
  - SUI DYNASTY
    - Reunited
    - Grand Canal
  - TANG DYNASTY
    - High Point of Chinese Civilization
    - Silk Road
    - Tribute
    - Buddhist/Confuc. Cultural Influence over Japan, Korea
    - Printing
  - SONG DYNASTY
    - Paper Money
    - Gunpowder
    - Conquered by the MONGOLS

**Italian City-States**
- New gov’t that replaced the Old Roman Empire
- Venice, Milan, Genoa, Verona, etc.
- Dominated Mediterranean trade
- Key trade between Europe and Asia
- Later traded with Ottoman Empire

**AMERICAS**
- State systems expanded in scope and strength
- Similar to Afro-Eur.
- MAYA
  - City States
  - AZTEC
    - Empire based in Central Mexico
    - “Mexico”
  - INCA
    - Andes Mountains around Peru
    - Road System
    - Inheritance System
    - Quipu

**feudal Europe**
- Decentralized
- Local feudal lords gained fealty over local people
- Highlight:
  - Charlemagne

**feudal Japan**
- Mirrored Europe
- Daimyo=Lord
- Samurai=Knights