

7th Grade
Opinion

Genghis Khan's Rise to Power

Genghis Khan was a great Mongolian leader who spread Mongolia throughout Asia. So the only question we need to know now is, how did Genghis Khan rise to his power? While some believe that Genghis got his power through climate change, I believe that Genghis got his power through discipline, punishing those against him, rewarding skills and allegiance, organization, and loyalty.

In the beginning, Genghis structured his army so that anyone from any tribe could be a part of their country's warriors. He included prosperity and recognition as well as discipline to his army of men. Thus bringing, loyalty along with some organization, discipline, and rewarding skills and allegiance. After he won over Mongolia and started to spread his empire, Genghis punished those against him. In fact, in the article "Genghis Khan Forged the Unification of the Mongol Tribes, and Reversed Their Decline In Living Conditions" it even states, "He [Genghis Khan] gave his enemies one simple choice: surrender and be enslaved, or die." in which he stuck to his word. In some people's opinions, Genghis Khan's main reason for power was through a wetter, warmer climate change that helped grow grazing plans and the population of grazing animals. Sure, there might have been a climate change, but that doesn't change the loyalty his followers gave him and he gave his followers. Neither does the fact that he gave his enemies a choice and once they chose, stuck to his word and either killed them or enslaved them.

By far and wide, I believe Genghis Khan's rise to power was from the different characteristic factors he showed as leadership. Everything between earning loyalty, to keeping his word helped him be the great Mongolian leader he was.