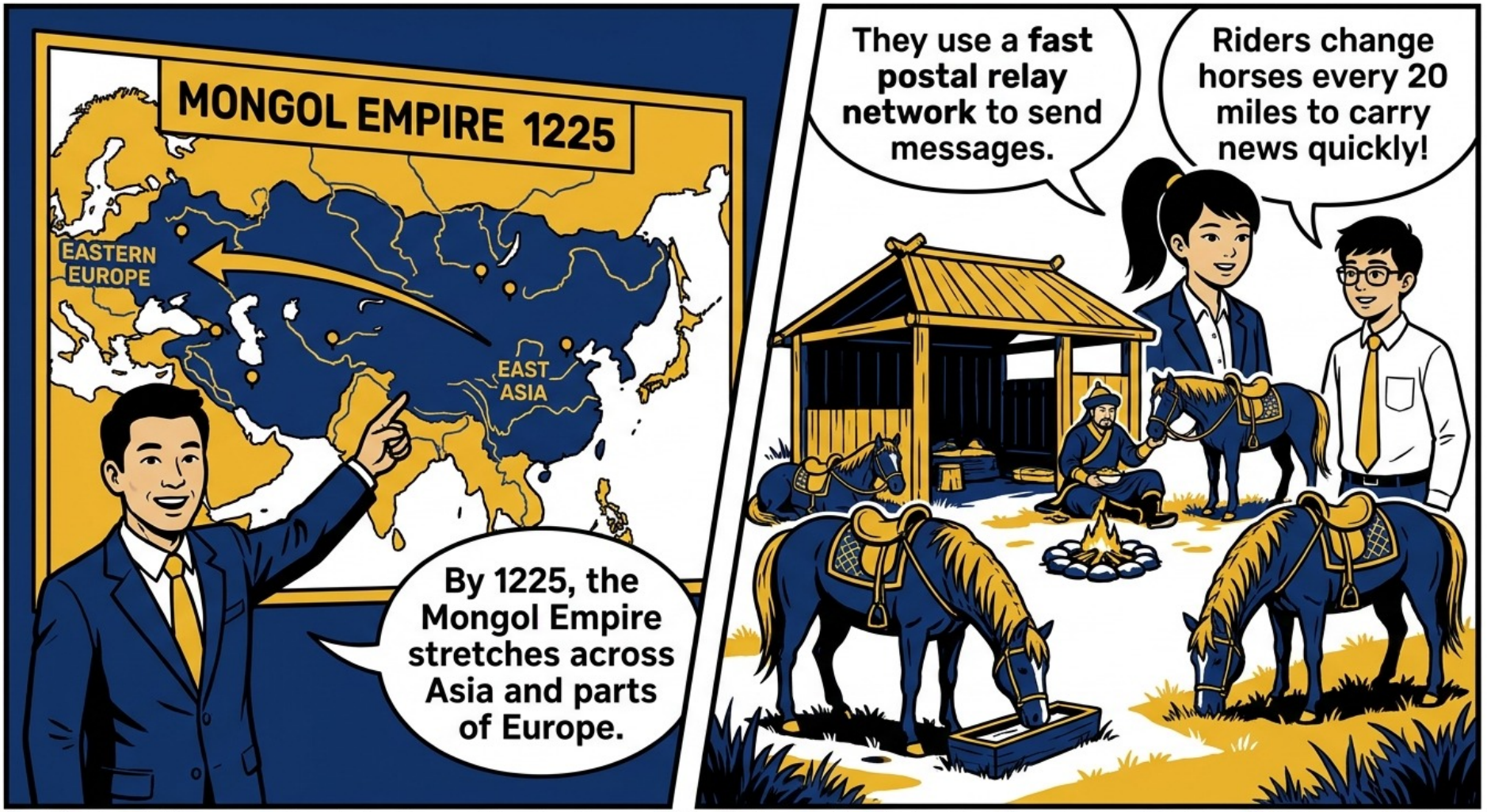
HMDC Presents... Mongol Empire 1225: Death of Genghis Khan





Postal relay stations were placed about every 20 miles. Source: Columbia University Asia for Educators, Accessed October 2026.



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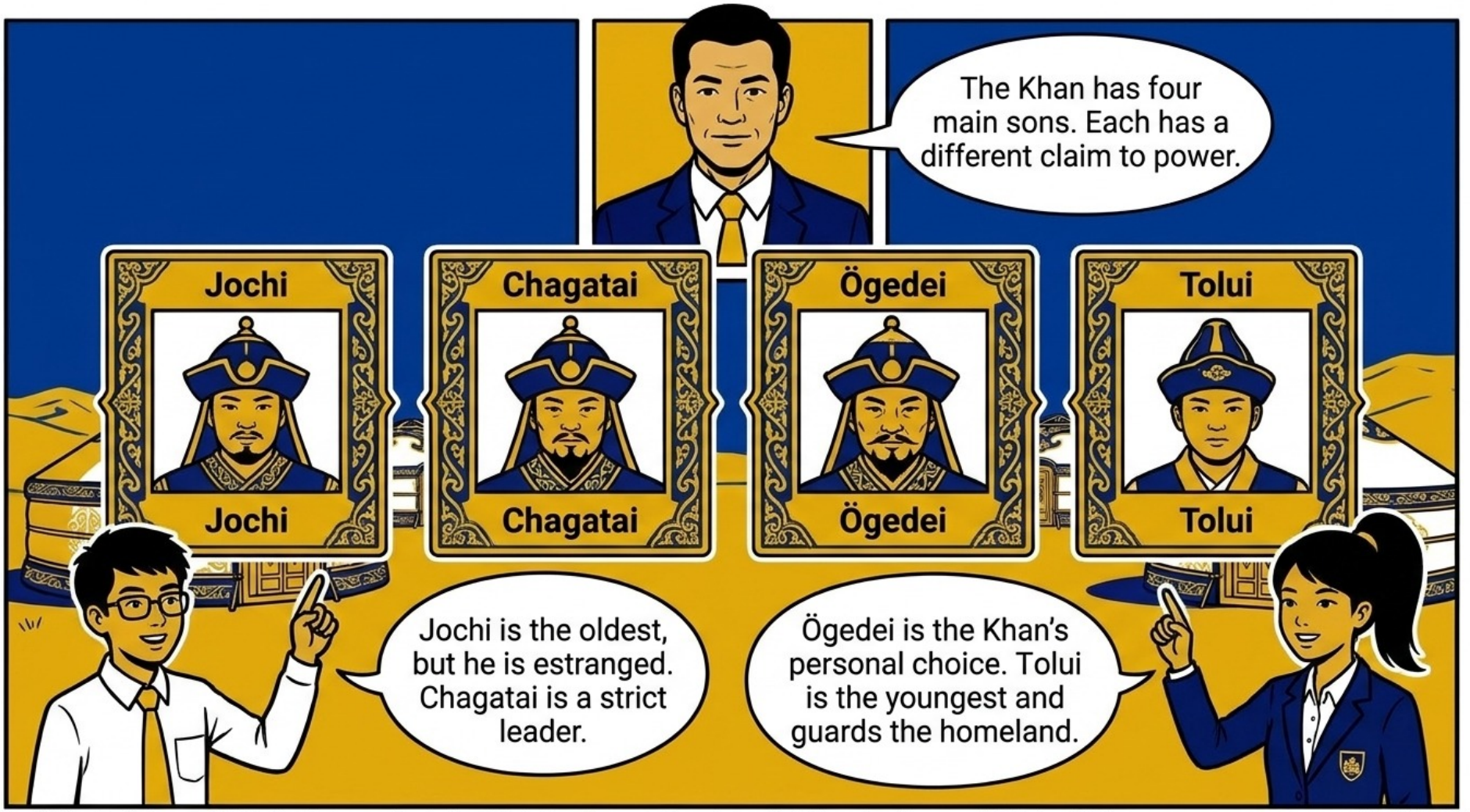


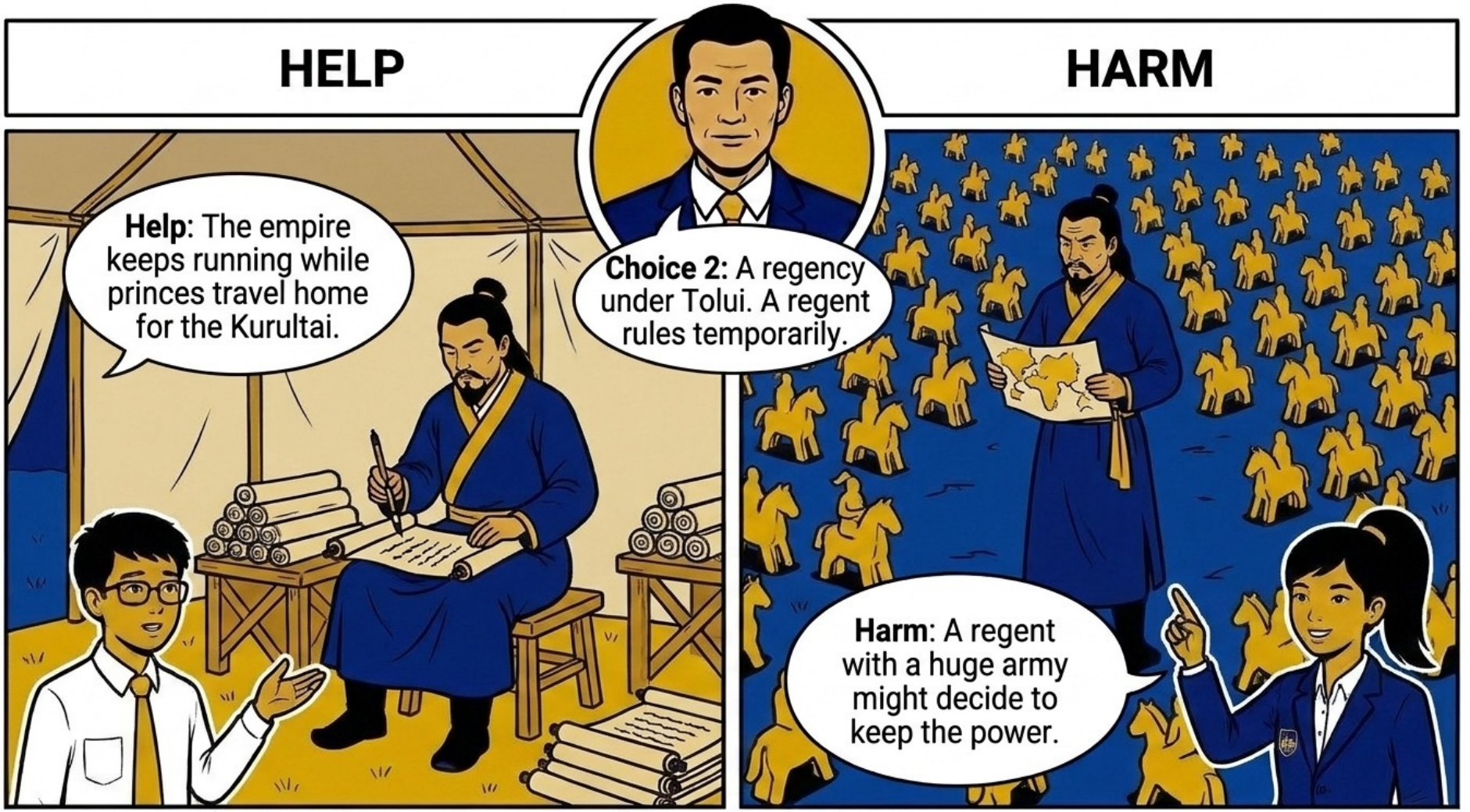
Jochi died in February 1227, about six months before his father. Source: Encyclopaedia Britannica, Accessed October 2026.



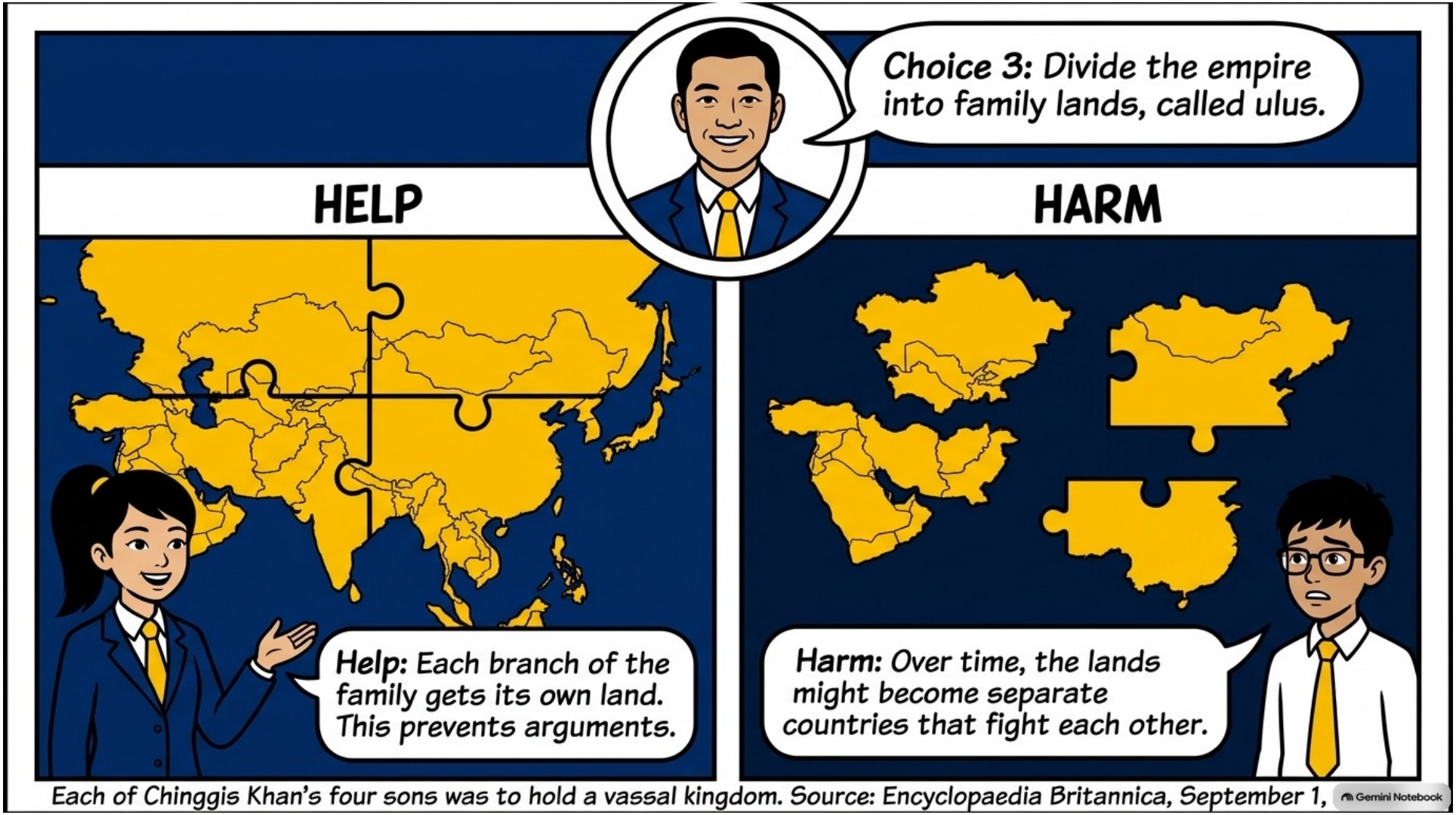
A kurultai is a general assembly of Mongol nobles. Source: Encyclopaedia Britannica, August 1, 2026.



Ögedei oversaw the greatest expansion of the Mongol Empire during his 12-year reign (1229-1241). Source: Columbia University Asia for Educators, Accessed Oc



Tolui served as regent from 1227 to 1229. Source: Encyclopaedia Britannica, Accessed October 2026.


Choice 3: Divide the empire into family lands, called ulus.
HELP
HARM
Help: Each branch of the family gets its own land. This prevents arguments.
Harm: Over time, the lands might become separate countries that fight each other.
Each of Chinggis Khan's four sons was to hold a vassal kingdom. Source: Encyclopaedia Britannica, September 1,
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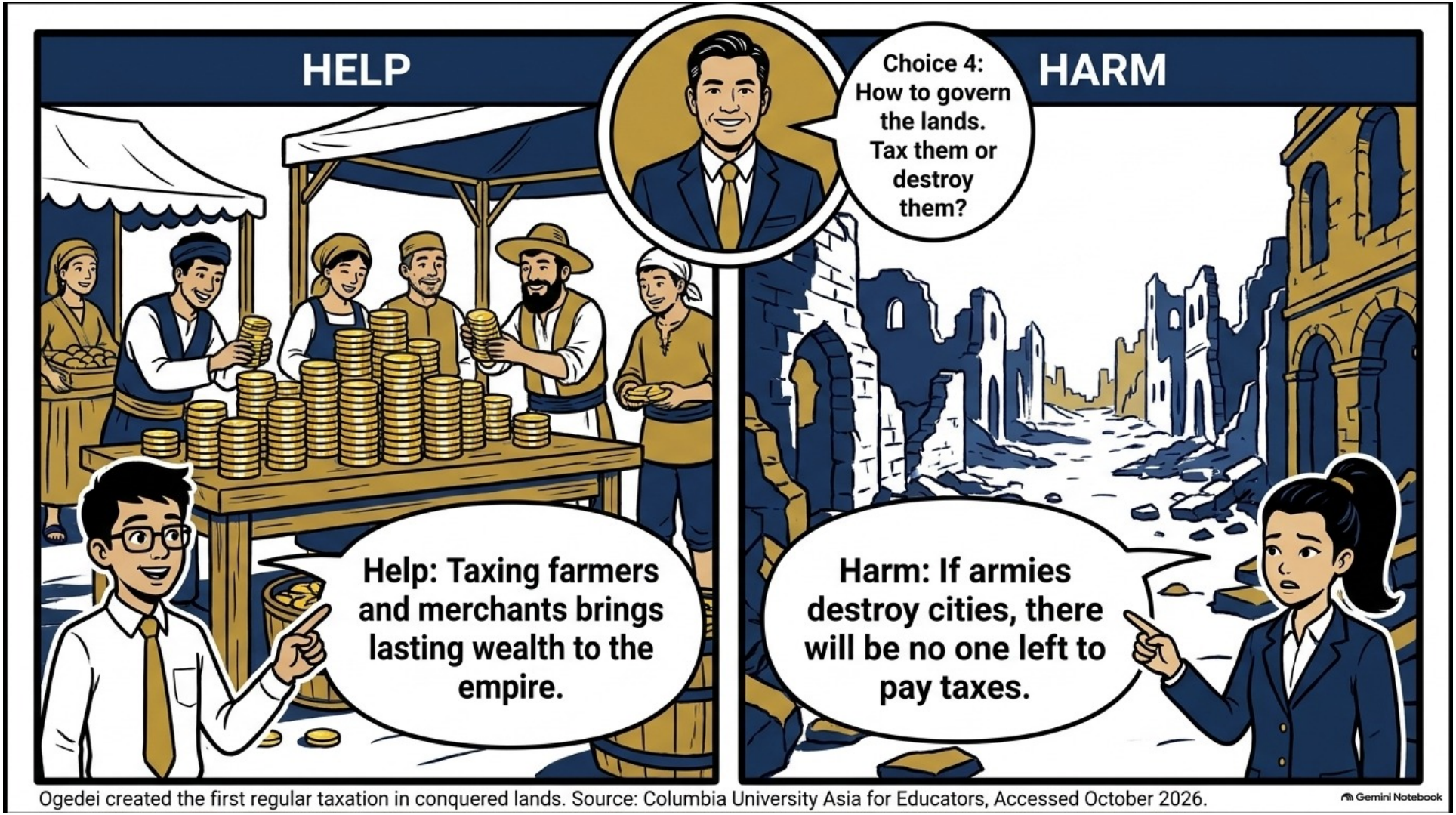

Ogedei created the first regular taxation in conquered lands. Source: Columbia University Asia for Educators, Accessed October 2026.


You must think like your character. What do they want?
In a historical committee, you do not represent a country. You represent a real person!
MONGOL EMPIRE: REPRESENTATIVE
CHARACTER: NOBLEMAN
Join a faction! Work with other characters who share your goals.
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When you speak, be clear and confident. Use short, plain sentences.
Checklist:
1. State the problem.
2. Give your solution.
3. Ask others to join you.
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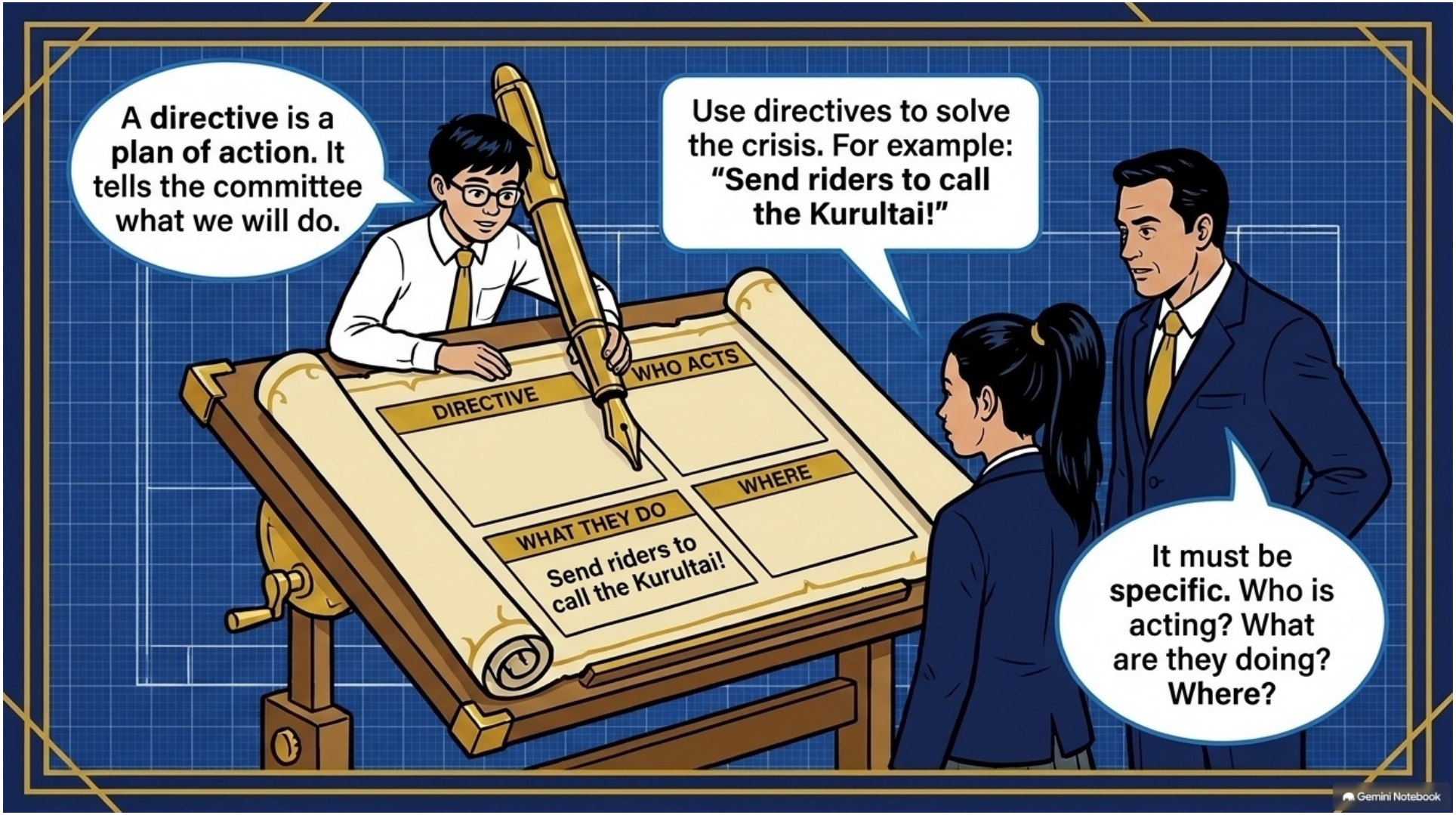
A directive is a plan of action. It tells the committee what we will do.
Use directives to solve the crisis. For example: "Send riders to call the Kurultai!"
DIRECTIVE
WHO ACTS
WHERE
WHAT THEY DO
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It must be specific. Who is acting? What are they doing? Where?
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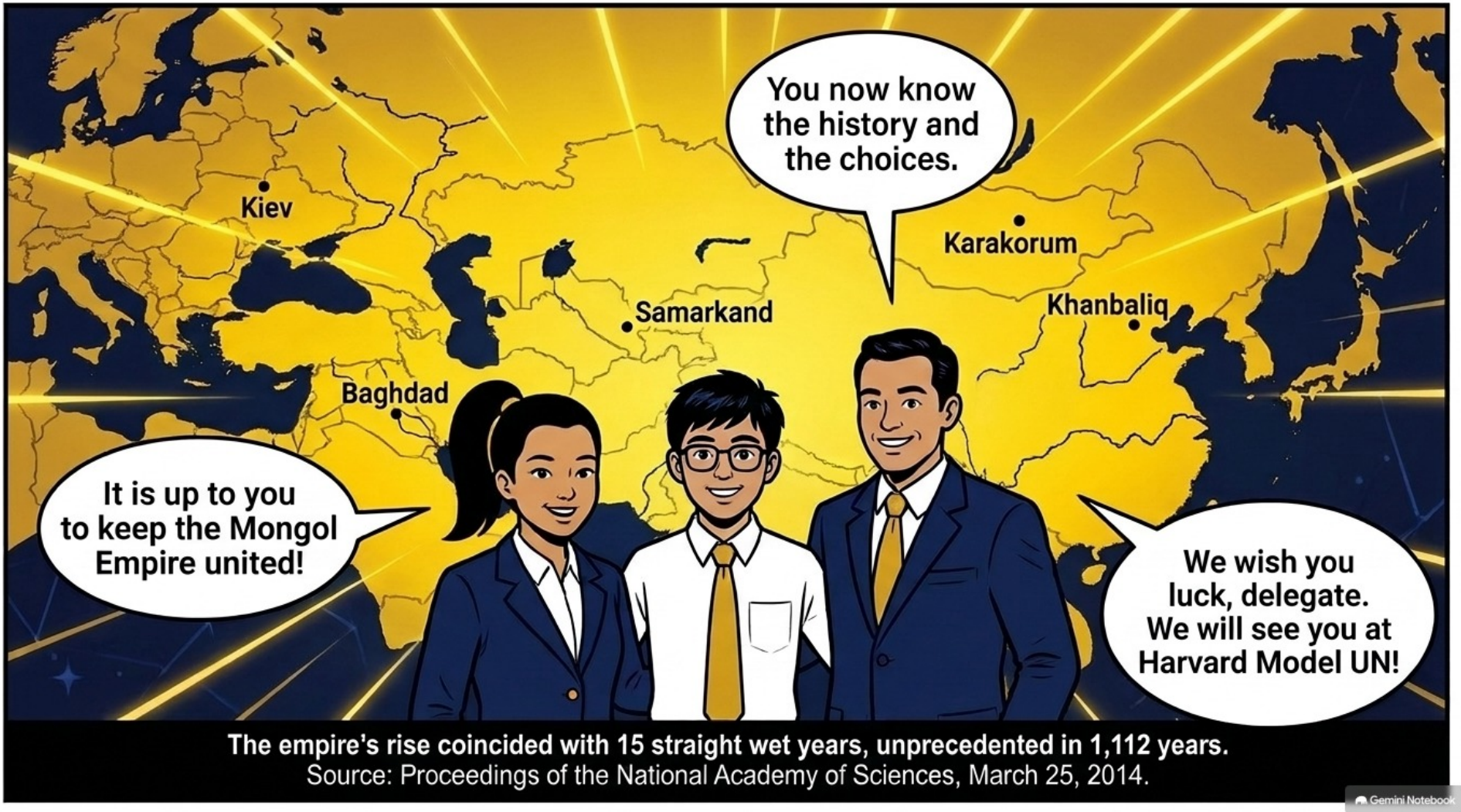
You now know the history and the choices.
Kiev
Karakorum
Samarkand
Khanbaliq
Baghdad
It is up to you to keep the Mongol Empire united!
We wish you luck, delegate. We will see you at Harvard Model UN!
The empire's rise coincided with 15 straight wet years, unprecedented in 1,112 years.
Source: Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, March 25, 2014.
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