**Chapter 11— Pastoral Peoples on the Global Stage: The Mongol Moment, 1200–1500**

**Seeking the Main Point**

**What was the role in world history of pastoral peoples and the Mongols in particular?**

***Download and save this document so you can return to it as you take notes and for studying.*** *As you read the chapter, fill in the chart below to help place the Mongols in the history of pastoral societies. Along the left margin are spaces for you to record specific developments in world history in which pastoralists played a significant role. Seek to identify categories of developments that encompass a number of individual historical examples, like pastoralists as facilitators in long-distance trade or the spread of faiths. Along the top are two columns where you can record specific evidence of pastoral peoples and/or Mongols shaping that development. If you copy and paste from the text, make sure to put quotation marks around the copied material; however, if you can think of a way to put it into your own words, you should do so.*

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*After you have read the chapter, use your notes to compose an essay that answers this question:*

**To what extent were the Mongols “something new” in world history?**

*Be sure to include an opening, introductory paragraph in which you state your thesis. Then use the body of your essay to provide evidence from the chapter to support that thesis. End by writing a clear conclusion to your essay.*