

*Ways of the World: A Global History with Sources for the AP® Course*

**AP® Skills Workshop Activity Handout: Causation**

**Chapter 11: Pastoral Peoples on the Global Stage**

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**1. Activity – Identifying Causation.** First, read the section entitled “Before the Mongols: Pastoralists in History” (pages 454–457) and identify the primary cause of pastoralist societies’ ability to leave a mark on world history. Then, determine if you can find some effects that occurred as a result of that cause.

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**2. Activity – Working with Causation.** Read the section “From Temujin to Chinggis Kahn: The Rise of the Mongol Empire” (pages 459–461) and examine Map 11.1 on page 458. Then, answer the following questions:

- According to the text, in what way were the Mongols the primary cause for bringing all areas of the world into direct contact with each other?

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- What was the most important effect of that cause?

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- What was another effect of that cause?

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- The authors contend that an element in the military effectiveness of Mongol forces lay in a growing reputation for a ruthless brutality and utter destructiveness. What evidence can you find in this chapter to support that claim?

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