Lesson 2

Student Handout 2.2

It Ain't Necessarily So ...

According to the Persian historian Juvaini:

In the Muslim countries devastated by Chinggis Khan, not one in a thousand of the inhabitants survived (Qtd. in Nicolle 46).

According to the Muslim chronicler Ghazi:

Under the reign of Chinggis Khan, all the countries . . . enjoyed such peace that a man might have journeyed from the land of the sunrise to the land of sunset with a golden platter upon his head without suffering the least violence from anyone (Qtd. in Martin 6)