

Constructive force?	Destructive force?
spared lives of craftsmen & engineers (video)	butchered millions (video)
assimilated the conquered people (page 17)	peasants heavily taxed and punished if they didn't pay (15)
encouraged travel within their new empire (p 14)	failed to have a unifying idea, empire split (18)
created post office stations along trade route (14)	
promoted trade by taxing merchants lowly (14)	
recruited doctors and scholars from Middle East (15)	
did not ban other religions (20)	