**The Mongol Empire**
The Mongols were a **nomadic** **tribe** of **herders** who lived in **Central** **Asia**. Under their greatest leader, **Genghis Khan**, they conquered the world's largest empire to date. The Mongols ruled, at one time or another, **Russia** and parts of **Eastern** **Europe**, **China**, **India**, and parts of the **Middle** **East**.

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Yet, little of Mongol culture remained after they have left a region. Their power was one of control. During the **Pax Mongolia**, or Mongol Peace, global trade expanded due to the political stability provided by Mongol rulers. **Silk Road** trade flourished as goods and ideas, such as **gunpowder**, **porcelain**, and the technology of **papermaking** were traded with the west. The Pax Mongolia was a time of trade and cultural diffusion Little or no Mongol legacy exists today.