

# Who Were the Mongols?

- ❖ Nomads
  - ❖ Move from place to place
  - ❖ No permanent home
  - ❖ Why?
- ❖ Tribal
  - ❖ Loyal to family
  - ❖ Organized into clans or tribes (groups of families)
  - ❖ Lifestyle made it difficult to unify as a large society

# Environment

- ❖ Economy – land not suitable for farming
  - ❖ Depended on livestock
  - ❖ Horses were essential to their lifestyle
- ❖ Homes – needed to be mobile
  - ❖ Ger/Yurt
- ❖ Diet – relied on livestock
  - ❖ Meat, Dairy

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- ❖ **Why did the Mongol tribes fight with each other?**
  - ❖ Land and water
  - ❖ Goods
  - ❖ Slave captives
  - ❖ Women
  - ❖ Rivalries

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- ❖ Religion – Shamanism
  - ❖ Shamans provided the connection between human world and powerful spirits
  - ❖ No temples or regular worship
  - ❖ No required beliefs
- ❖ *Make a Prediction:* What might happen when the Mongols come into contact with people of other religions (i.e. Buddhism or Islam)?