

# INTRODUCTION



The Mongol Empire grew to include what are now China, Pakistan, Persia, Iraq, and many more countries.

Genghis Khan was known as the founding father of the Mongol **Empire**. An empire is a group of nations ruled by a shared leader. The Mongol Empire formed in 1206. It was one of the world's largest empires. Today, the country of Mongolia is between Russia and China.

Khan was a great warrior. He was a powerful leader. He fought in many wars. He united the **tribes** in northern China. Tribes are groups of people. He organized **hordes**. Hordes are armies. Khan conquered more land than anybody in history. He killed between 30 million and 40 million people. He made a path through Asia and Europe. He connected East and West. He had great ideas. He paved the way for **modern** thinking. Modern means new and fresh.