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Section 2

GUIDED READING *The Mongol Conquests*

**A. Determining Main Ideas** As you read about the Mongols, take notes to answer the questions.

<b>The Rise of the Mongols</b>
1. What was the primary cause of conflict between steppe nomads and settled communities?
2. How was Genghis Khan able to unite the nomadic Mongols?
3. What traits enabled Genghis Khan to conquer most of Asia?

<b>The Khanates</b>
4. Into what four khanates did the successors of Genghis Khan divide the Mongol Empire?
5. How did the Mongols rule?
6. How did the cultural differences among the khanates eventually affect the empire?

<b>The Pax Mongolica</b>
7. What was the Mongol peace?
8. How did this peace affect trade and cultural interaction?

**B. Summarizing** On the back of this paper, explain how the terms **pastoralist** and **clan** apply to the nomads of the Asian steppe.