

# 1 | The Ottomans' Successes in the 1500s

## 3 main factors of growth

- Original leader was quite shrewd
- Strategic link between Europe + Asia at the Daranelles strait
- Creation of army combining Trukish techniques + high tech gunpowder
- Eastern frontier => where Safavid was
- Southern frontier => red sea

## 1.1 | The Early Rise

The country started with a mix of three cultures

- Turkish Nomads
- Muslim Warriors
- Christian Converts

In 1453, Constantinople was conquered by the Ottomans, which ended Byzantine rule + gave a pretty good capital

## 1.2 | The Ottomans' Battlings

- Conquered Safavid Empire => 1514
- Seized Damascus in the year 1516
- Conquered Egypt 1517
- Worked around, and all the way to the Black Sea — attacking Arabia along the way
- Overran Hungary (although, Northern Hungary was kept, and so was the HRE) the same year
- Sought control of the Mediterranean
- (Unsuccessfully) tried to fight Venice
  - Initial fight => reduced military power + tribute
  - Finally fell another century later, but due to unrelated reasons
- Fought the Portuguese, too!
  - Tried to deter Portuguese threats
  - Successfully prevented them from closing in, but ultimately did not conquer into Portugal

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