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## 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

### 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

### 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 + tribunage
  - Finally fell another century later, but due to unrelated reasons
- Fought the Porchugueses, too!
  - Tried to deter porchuguese threats
  - Sucessfully prevented them from closing in, but ultimately did not concur into parchugal

### Ottomans' Governmental Effectiveness

- Established official unity
  - Faith
  - Culture
  - and Language
- High Tech.

- Well drained cities
- Libraries and universities *libraries are a strong through-line!*
- Strength in...
  - Math
  - Cartography
  - Medicine
  - Industry
    - Mills
    - Gun casting
    - Lighthouses
    - Hoursebreeding
- Recruited army from Christian youth
- Higher tolerance for other races
- Millitary might
  - Used traditional mounted warriors
  - Also gained Christian POWs
    - Lived in barracks and trained all year round
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    - Learned to use guns to support horseback solders
- A cosmopolitan empire
  - Sophisticated language
  - Advanced class system
  - "Most powerful and best organized"
    - Advanced land forces aforementioned
    - Heavy military technology
    - Millitaryistic govermentment?
      - Cavalrymen admisitered th erural land