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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 + 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 Portugal

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