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## 1 | The Ottomans' Successes in the 1500s

### Reasons for Success

- 3 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 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

### 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