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- Ottoman empire grew from small size
- With Syria and Egypt shrinking 16th century, Ottomans became the biggest Muslim empire
- Less medieval, and represented more the new age centralized monarchy
- Beginnings
 - Turkish Nomads + Muslim Warriors + Christian Islamic Converts
 - 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
 - Eventually in 1453 conquered Constantinople, which ended Byzantine rule + gave a pretty good capital
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