



READING TIME

17. **Answer: Who founded the Ottoman State?**

18. **Read the life story of Süleyman the Magnificent and fill in the timeline on the next page with events and dates.**

Süleyman the Magnificent

Süleyman I was born on 27th April 1495 in Trabzon. His father was Sultan Selim I and his mother was Hafsa Sultan. He became the 10th sultan of the State in 1520. People called him “Kanuni”, the Lawgiver, in his homeland because he was a fair sultan, but Europeans always called him “Süleyman the Magnificent”. During his period, first, he captured Belgrade in 1521 and Rhodes in 1522, then, he killed King Lewis of Hungary at Mohacs in 1526 and won a victory. He unsuccessfully surrounded Vienna in 1529, but he captured Transylvania in 1562. Finally, he conquered the lands of Egypt and Persia and announced war on the coasts of North Africa, Italy and Dalmatia under the command of Admiral Barbarossa.

Süleyman the Magnificent

ruled the Ottoman Empire between 1520 – 1566. Architect Mimar Sinan built many valuable buildings in this period and those buildings survived until our days. Some dams, fountains, madrasas, caravanserais, Turkish baths, botanical gardens and bridges were restored. The port of Golden Horn became one of the busiest ports then. Süleymaniye, Şehzadebaşı, Sultan Selim and Cihangir Mosques are some of the important monuments of this period.

When Süleyman I died in 1566, the Ottoman State was a world power.



A portrait of Süleyman the Magnificent painted by John Young in 1815. (34 x 45 cm), Sakıp Sabancı Museum, İstanbul